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*Nuclear submarine, USS City of Corpus Christi, on patrol at sea. General Dynamics photo*



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## An Open Letter

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And hand back to me the days, weeks, months and years that I was separated from my family while fighting in three major conflicts. Let me have the thrill of seeing my daughter's first step or of hearing her first word. Compensate my wife for the worry, grief and long empty hours she spent raising a child alone. All of this while her husband was thousands of miles away defending our country, and her not knowing if he was alive or dead.

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dent for those I had in a snow-covered foxhole during the Battle of the Bulge or the stench of Korea?

And how would you have liked being in the steaming jungles of Vietnam, not knowing the enemy—except for those protesters in the states who were lending aid and comfort to that enemy while our young men were dying?

Yes, Mr. Stockman, after all this was over and I was no longer physically able to serve, I thought about retirement pay. But let me assure you that my first thoughts, then and now, were always to preserve the freedom of this great country, even if it meant giving my life. In all honesty, and if I could, I would never trade off the immense feeling of satisfaction and pride in having been honored by being allowed to serve my country and fight its enemies. Mr. Stockman, this is a feeling you will never experience.

Certainly, the great stress and frustration you must feel as Budget-Director contributed to your unfounded remark. But your frustrations could never equal the grief of the parents, wives, sons and daughters of the thousands of young Americans lying

under those white crosses in our national cemeteries. I wonder if their last thought was about receiving their retirement pay?

I would suggest Mr. Stockman that you take a ride to Arlington National Cemetery. Get out, look around and reflect for a few minutes on what you have said. Do you really believe that those buried there were more concerned about retirement pay than about the defense of their country?

Robert E. Chisolm  
El Paso, Texas

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Robert I. Hass  
Senior Vice President

*Apologies are definitely in order. The cover should have shown a "Saturday Night Special."—Editors.*

## Alumni Search

In September we will dedicate an honor roll for 115 former Stetson Home boys who have served during the wars. We would appreciate receiving names that should be included on the roll.

Don Colpitts  
129 Timson St.  
Lynn, Mass., 01902

## Wrong Smith

I am not the director of the Nebraska Regional VA office, as stated in your article (Building Membership) in March. The director is Mr. James "Jim" Smith, a past department commander.

Leonard L. Smith  
Lincoln, Neb.

## Peace Through Strength . . . and Efficiency



This month we examine the major components of our military arsenal and explore what the Pentagon is doing to ensure that the United States is getting full value for every dollar spent on national

defense, especially in the area of defense contracting—the subject of much recent nationwide controversy.

America's nuclear and conventional deterrent has proved its worth by providing four decades of peace in Europe and by preventing localized wars elsewhere from escalating into global conflicts. The prevention of war and the preservation of liberty, no matter what the cost, amounts to money well spent.

However, our military arsenal cannot be thought of as a static asset—a collection of weapons and weapons systems which, once bought, can be forgotten. They must be continually upgraded, continually reassessed, to ensure that they are sufficient to counter the threats posed in an ever-changing world. Our service-

by-service analysis of major weapons systems reveals where we stand today and analyzes how our military might compares with our defense requirements.

Uppermost in the minds of all Legionnaires is the necessity to keep our armed forces properly equipped, but at the same time we realize that the billions spent on defense must be prudently managed. Waste, fraud and abuse have no place in defense contracting. The delegates to the 66th National Convention expressed their strong concern about this by passing a resolution calling not only for sufficient funding for vital spare parts, but also for the strict enforcement of a spare parts control program recently instituted by the Pentagon.

Therefore, we are also featuring two points of view on what needs to be done to ensure that every defense dollar is well spent. One deals with eliminating waste in defense contracting, and the other focuses specifically on improving overall Pentagon efficiency.

We invite you, our fellow veterans, to share with us your thoughts on the state of America's military readiness and on what can be done to eliminate waste in defense spending.

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## Memorial Day: Honoring the Dead, Caring for the Living

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Memorial Day, with flags and flowers decorating the final resting places of these valiant heroes, reflects selfless courage and steadfast dedication to America and to the preservation of her democratic ideals.

Since the first shots proclaiming the United States as a sovereign republic were fired more than 200 years ago, almost 1.2 million Americans have died in war; nearly 700,000 of them on the battlefield. Many more were casualties, but survived.

The rows of monuments which span this nation's history pay mute testimony to the magnitude of what those men and women gave in defense of their land and in defense of others. All other sacrifices pale in comparison.

Generation after generation went into the breach, often against overwhelming odds and with little hope of survival. Those memorials we decorate this month also are a solemn reminder that we who survived have a continuing responsibility to our comrades—both those who are alive today and those who are not.

First, we must continue to emphasize to all generations of Americans the true meaning of Memorial Day and encourage every citizen in this nation to observe it properly, with compassionate and heart-felt thanks to Americans who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country.

Secondly, we must use this occasion to inspire renewed dedication to those Americans alive today who have borne



*Nat'l. Cdr. Clarence M. Bacon*

the battle, with some who will soon look to their nation for fulfillment of promises of compassion and care when it is needed.

The responsibilities for remembrance and for compassionate care were incorporated into the foundation of The American Legion and were marked by two significant events shortly after World War I.

When the full force of veterans was brought to bear on the U.S. government to provide adequate rehabilitation and hospitalization of returning veterans, The American Legion oversaw the formation of the Veterans Bureau—later to become the Veterans Administration.

At the same time, The American Legion assumed the responsibility for remembering America's war dead from the Grand Army of the Republic, the organization credited with creating the national observance of decorating the graves of America's fallen heroes.

Today we carry on both traditions with the same devotion that was inspired two thirds of a century ago. This Memorial Day we will lead the

nation in observances which recall the final moments of gallant and brave Americans. And today we also turn our attention to the plight of those who remain among us, some rapidly approaching their time of crisis.

On other pages of this issue is a story with chilling implications. It is a story in which America's aging warriors would fall victim to well-intentioned efforts to streamline government spending. It is a story with an as-yet unwritten ending. I encourage you to become thoroughly familiar with it, because it is not an issue The American Legion will let slip into obscurity; just as we have an obligation to preserve the memories of our war dead, we have a sacred duty to care for those who survived.

America owes her existence to the sacrifices made by her veterans and, as a nation, is honor-bound to make good the promises of adequate hospitalization and care to those who served her. Millions rallied to America's call, with far too many paying the ultimate sacrifice.

So, this Memorial Day as graves around the world are decorated with our nation's colors, and as we join in remembrance of those who answered in time of America's need and did not return, we should all draw closer together in dedication to seeing our remaining comrades live out their lives with compassionate care and dignity.

There are many non-Legionnaire veterans who would join us in this effort. Many are just waiting for the opportunity to once again rise to a worthy cause. Seek them out and have them join your post to carry on the founding precepts of The American Legion.

Because, just as Memorial Day is a national observance of this nation's fallen warriors, we must also have a national awareness of the potential threat to America's disabled, aged, sick or poor veteran. Our obligation and that of our country's can be no less. □





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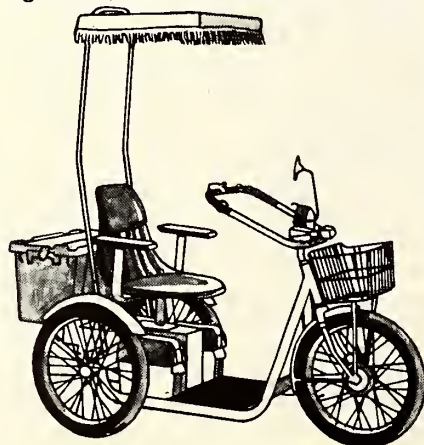
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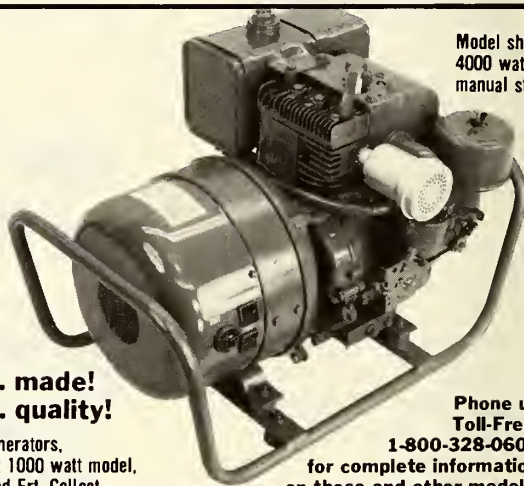
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## National Lottery Suggested

Even as administration and congressional committees grapple with the annual problem of how to cut the nation's \$200 billion deficit by reductions in spending, taxes or both, Rep. Thomas A. Luken is thinking of another approach: a national lottery.

The legislator suggests that as much as \$50 billion could be raised by the federal government through a nationwide lottery. An opinion survey indicates that 62 percent of Americans would go for the idea, he said, and he points out that some 20 states are already boosting their own revenues with lotteries.

Luken doesn't propose jumping into his scheme right away. His legislation, first introduced in the 98th Congress and revived this year, would create a national commission to see how a national lottery would affect the state gaming operations, and how other countries, such as Spain and France, are benefiting from their national lotteries.

## Alaska Outdraws Sun Belt

Most Americans on the move are heading South and West to the sun belt states, but the biggest single lure for our peripatetic population is Alaska, according to the latest Census Bureau estimates.

Alaska has been the fastest growing of the 50 states over this period, its head count jumping by 19 percent.

However, most migration has been to the South and West, as has been the case in the previous decade, attracting 94 percent of the 7.4 million Americans seeking a change of location.

California, Texas and Florida led all the rest in expanding their populations. The Midwest, on the other hand, suffering not only from cold weather, but also from industrial shutdowns, was severely hit by population loss, with Michigan hit the hardest.

The latest Census estimate disclosed that both New York and Rhode Island, which suffered a dwindling citizenry during the earlier decade, have made a small pickup in population. There was also some migration into North Dakota.

## Reduce U.N. Funding?

Reducing the nation's spending is the main concern of both administration and Congress, but there's also a strong movement for a spending cut in the United Nations as well.

A bill calling for a sharp decrease in the U.S. payment to the United Nations was adopted by the Senate last year, but never made it through the House. Instead, Congress froze the American participation at \$190 million. A recommended cut will come up in the current session of Congress with a greater chance of passage.

Congressional members are getting increasingly fed up with the anti-American rhetoric in the United Nations and its affiliated agencies. The United States has already pulled

out of the U.N. Education, Scientific and Cultural Organization, and some solons would yank our country out of several more. Others would pull out of the U.N. altogether.

There's considerable feeling in Washington that the U.N. and its subsidiary organizations are overstaffed and overpaid. They get about 40 percent more than U.S. employees for comparable jobs, according to government sources.

## Alzheimer Centers Proposed

Identical measures in the House and Senate would create 20 federal regional centers for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease, an ailment that afflicts some four million Americans, or about 10 percent of citizens over 65. The bills were introduced by Sen. Albert Gore and Rep. Claude Pepper.

Alzheimer's, which results in steady deterioration of the brain, loss of memory, physical debilitation and death in three to 20 years, has been described by suffering families as "a funeral that lasts for years."

Legislation sponsors believe that despite some federal assistance, victims of this spreading disease get relatively little help, and that costs, running up to \$50,000 per person, must be borne by the patients' families, often breaking them financially.

## Fewer Homes Hit by Crime

The percent of the nation's homes "touched by crime" has been steadily declining since 1975, according to the latest figures issued by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

A household is considered "touched by crime" if during the year it experienced a burglary, larceny or auto theft; or if a household member was robbed, raped or assaulted. The latest statistics show 27 percent of American homes, embracing some 70 million citizens, were touched by crime, a 2-percent drop from the year before.

The statistics also revealed that urban homes were more vulnerable to crime than suburban; rural households were "touched" the least; lower income families were more vulnerable than higher income families; and black households were more vulnerable than white.

Longer, tougher sentences by the courts and citizen crime prevention practices are seen as two of the factors in the crime reduction.

## Quote of the Month

*"If we insist upon preparing for today's war by mounting yesterday's defenses, we are doomed to defeat. Today the important battles are not along borders but in remote villages and small countries whose name few Americans have heard. In pinpointing aggression, it is no longer enough to look for the smoking gun; now we must look for the hidden hand."*

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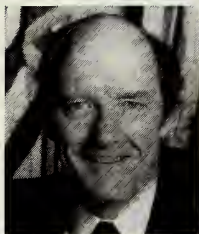


# Should Congress Approve the President's Strategic Defense Initiative?

**Sen. Malcolm Wallop, R-Wyo.**

The first duty of any nation's government is to protect its people.

**YES**



Our Constitution pledges us to provide for the common defense before all else. For most taxpayers believe that much of our military spending goes for weapons to destroy whatever missiles or aircraft that may be launched against us. This is not so. In the late 1960s we abandoned attempts to build anti-missile defenses. In the 1970s, we tore down the anti-aircraft shield that we paid \$100 billion for a few years before.

The excuse for all this is that it is technically too difficult to protect populations. The real reason is that many officials believe we are safe, as long as we can retaliate with nuclear weapons. These officials sought to make their wishes reality by negotiating treaties with the Soviets, which would make both sides vulnerable to each other.

And although the Soviets signed the SALT treaties, they have hardly accepted the ideas and premises of American liberals. The Soviets have built theirs not to kill us, but to disarm us. Their defense against aircraft is based on the oldest, as well as the newest, means. They are building hundreds of road-mobile and anti-missile systems that can protect hundreds of urban areas. They're producing ABM radars and interceptor missiles as well, and this year, they may launch into space the world's first high-energy laser.

And yet the United States, despite President Reagan's excellent words about safeguarding American lives, has no anti-missile weapons and none are being designed. High officials have described the president's Strategic Defense Initiative as a \$26 billion research effort, designed only to find out if the technology would enable us to defend ourselves against ballistic missiles. But we already know the answer to that question. The Soviets have shown the world that *it is possible* to protect against ballistic missiles.

According to many experts, there exists plenty of technology, both ground-based and space-based, which could protect American people against Soviet nuclear weapons. The Soviet Union is building its defense one step at a time, and it would be to our advantage not to depend upon the discovery of the "perfect weapon." Common sense tells us to do what we can with what we've got now. America should not be forced to lay belly up, unshielded against the Soviet sword. □

**Rep. George E. Brown Jr., D-Calif.**



**NO**

The President's dream to render nuclear weapons "impotent and obsolete" by orbiting exotic weapons in space to intercept missiles before they reach U.S. soil has great appeal, and research on such a concept should continue. However, to promise that this so-called "Star Wars" proposal would protect the American people from the devastation of nuclear war is a cruel hoax, and an oversimplification of the complex nature of our nuclear age.

The vision of protecting the U.S. population against nuclear attack fades when examined closely. According to scientists, perhaps 5 percent or 10 percent of the missiles would get through a defensive shield, called ballistic-missile defense or BMD. These missiles would be aimed at the hardest to defend targets in the United States—cities and industrial installations. It would only take a few missiles getting through to wreak havoc on society as we know it. Furthermore, should the Soviets build their own BMD shield, the illusion of safety created might make them more likely to launch a pre-emptive attack against the United States in a time of crisis.

Ballistic-missile defense would accelerate the nuclear arms race because the first, and simplest response to a BMD would be to build enough missiles to saturate the system. U.S. deployment of a BMD designed to threaten the effectiveness of Soviet missile forces could thus trigger an unbridled nuclear arms race. This is what the United States sought to avoid through ratification of the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty with the Soviet Union which explicitly prohibits defensive systems.

Finally, it would be cheaper for the Soviet Union to build additional nuclear weapons to saturate a U.S. BMD, and to overwhelm our system with decoy missiles, than it would be for the United States to build a BMD. Although it is impossible to say with accuracy how much "Star Wars" would cost, many experts have estimated that it could cost up to one trillion dollars. This would put a strain on our defense budget, and take needed funds from other important defense programs.

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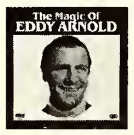


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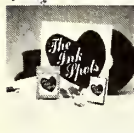
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# KEEPING THE PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH

*A report on America's major weapons systems*

**T**HE SPECTER OF NUCLEAR WAR fought with weapons of unimaginable destructiveness has posed a continuous threat to mankind for the past four decades. Yet, these very weapons systems have also provided the deterrent which has kept the peace.

America's weapons systems will help determine—should it occur—how the next war will be fought; current military technology will shape, to a large extent, the outcome of that war. Our country has long understood this and has invested heavily in modernizing and strengthening our military forces. In fact, our military services are now in the midst of a modernization program which is long overdue and unprecedented in peacetime.

But do we have the weapons we need? Are we yet able to deal with the broad spectrum of potential conflict posed by our troubled world? Also of paramount concern, are we able to solve the needling problem of much-publicized waste, fraud and abuse in defense procurement?

In this special report, THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE examines, service by service, the latest advances in weapons technology—advances that are designed to help our military continue its mission of maintaining peace through strength. We also offer the views of two efficiency experts who discuss the actions needed to prevent the public from being ripped-off by those who would profit illegally from the billions being spent for needed modernization.

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By Richard Barnard

# ARMY

**T**HE ARMY STANDS AT THE midpoint of an unprecedented peacetime build-up. At the heart of its modernization is the belief that the battle of tomorrow will be fought on a smoky, rapidly changing battlefield, where U.S. and Soviet forces meet in ground and aerial combat.

The generals say this "fluid" battlefield requires the Army to beef up its airborne and ground mobility, enabling troops to strike quickly and decisively at an enemy, both in his front lines and in his rear areas. Designed for use against Warsaw Pact forces in Central Europe, the new doctrine is called "Air/Land Battle 2000."

To make its strategy work, the Army is buying thousands of helicopters, tanks and trucks able to go nearly anywhere. It has plans for missiles able to fly farther—and with greater accuracy—than any artillery shell. In addition, the service is preparing to replace its communications network so commanders can keep track of their troops in a maddeningly complex and chaotic theater of war.

The Army's biggest program is its M-1 Abrams tank project, which is about halfway through a decade-long buy of 7,000 of the 60-ton vehicles. Some of the tanks are mounted with 105mm main guns—far greater than the 75mm guns of Gen. George Pat-

**HUMMER—The jeep's 1¼-ton armored replacement features a 20mm cannon.**

ton's days—while an improved version, known as the M1A1, features a 120mm gun of German design to better pierce Soviet tanks, and improved armor and protection from nuclear, biological and chemical attack.

Joining the Army's armored columns will be two other vehicles, the M-2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle and the Sgt. York Division Air Defense Gun. The M-2 will become the Army's premier troop carrier, ferrying infantrymen past enemy armor into enemy territory to wreak havoc and disrupt communications. The M-2 carries 13 men and is topped by a rapid-fire 25mm Hughes Chain Gun. The Army wants to buy 6,882 Bradleys.

But, the Army is having trouble with its Sgt. York anti-aircraft gun, named after WWI Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. Alvin York.

The Sgt. York is a full year into production with complicated computer links between the system's twin 40mm guns and its radar.

The Sgt. York is designed to track as many as a dozen targets simultaneously at



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about five miles and fire on each in order of importance. Secretary Weinberger has set new tests and will decide whether to keep or kill the 614-vehicle program.

Hovering above the tracked combat vehicles will be a new fleet of helicopters. The Army wants 1,700 Black Hawks to replace its aging fleet of UH-1 Hueys. The new helicopter carries more men than the old Huey "slicks" and is less susceptible to ground fire, according to veterans who saw action in both Vietnam and Grenada. The Army also plans to buy 550 copies of its new AH-64 Apache, a \$10 million anti-tank chopper for day and night missions.

**T**he Army also plans to spend about \$30 billion between 1987 and 1997 to build a new fleet of light scout and attack helicopters to replace 7,000 Vietnam-era choppers. Known as LHX, the proposed fleet is expected to number 5,000. The aircraft feature a single pilot capable of air-to-air combat with enemy choppers and aircraft.

Also stalking the skies of the future will be unmanned drones, lightweight, self-propelled reconnaissance vehicles like those used successfully by the Israeli Army during the invasion of Lebanon. Known now as the Aquila, the Army's Remotely Piloted Vehicle



**ABRAMS TANK—This 60-ton tank has a 105mm main gun and can go as fast as 45mph.**

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# "THE SMALLER, SINGLE-ENGINE F-16 WAS DESIGNED AS A LESS EXPENSIVE DOGFIGHTER."

program would give ground commanders the ability to survey enemy territory and find targets up to five kilometers away without risking lives.

To get its equipment to the battlefield and keep it all running, the Army has ordered 197,000 trucks of various sizes and makes for delivery by 1990. For example, the 1-1/4-ton "Hummer" will replace the ancient jeep fleet, but still leave the Army short of trucks.

## AIR FORCE

**T**HE PRIMARY TACTICAL striking arms of the Air Force remain the F-15 and F-16 fighters.

The large twin-engine, single-seat F-15 Eagle is widely regarded as one of the world's finest fighters. Its speed, range and beyond-visual-range targeting capabilities place enormous flexibility in the hands of the pilot.

In 1983, the aircraft was further modernized with an advanced radar, a data processor with better capacity and higher speed, and a simplified armament control system that is easier to operate and may be easily adapted to fire advanced versions of the Sidewinder, Sparrow or advanced medium-range air-to-air missiles.

In 1984, the Air Force ordered a new version of the Eagle, the F-15E, which is designed for ground-attack missions at night or in adverse weather. The F-15E is a two-seater. The rear seat is to be occupied by a weapons controller. Advanced radar and infrared systems, and the plane's aerodynamically improved fuel tanks and bomb racks designed for high speeds, are among the innovations the Air Force believes will make the F-15 an effective night-attack plane.

All told, the Air Force intends to buy 1,376 F-15s at a total cost of \$38 billion. At present, the Air Force appears to be overcoming the shortage of spares that once hampered the F-15's.

The smaller, single-engine F-16 was designed as a less expensive dogfighter to counter-balance the more costly F-15. The Air Force will purchase at least 2,659 F-16s. Like its larger sibling, the F-16 Falcon has been continuously modernized with advanced



**F-16 FALCON—**  
2,659 high-maneuverability F-16s will add fire power to USAF arsenal.

radar, targeting systems and armaments. One of the more dramatic innovations is the F-16XL, which has a longer fuselage, far greater lift capacity and what are called "cranked arrow" wings. These are high-swept wings of graphite composites. These changes, coupled with a computerized control system, enable the plane to take off in two-thirds the distance of the existing F-16 while carrying double the weapons load and flying a far greater combat radius.

Also in planning is a proposal to build 100 B-1B bombers at a cost of \$28 billion, with the last one to be built in 1986. The B-1B carries a payload of 26 cruise missiles and eight MK-82 bombs. The B-1B takes advantage of advanced technology, which allows enemy radar screens to see only 1 percent of the B-1B in comparison with the B-52.

**T**he administration intends to follow the B-1B project with 132 Advanced Technology Bombers (ATB), or Stealth bombers, at a cost of \$47 billion. The first ATB will be fielded in the early 1990s. Scant data are available on ATB payload, or weapons capabilities, but both will be less than those of the B-1B. The radar cross section of the ATB is less than the B-1B, which would enable the bomber to get much closer to enemy air defense radar before being detected.

Those on capital hill anticipate another round of debate over the wisdom of having a follow-up bomber almost immediately after the B-1B.

## NAVY

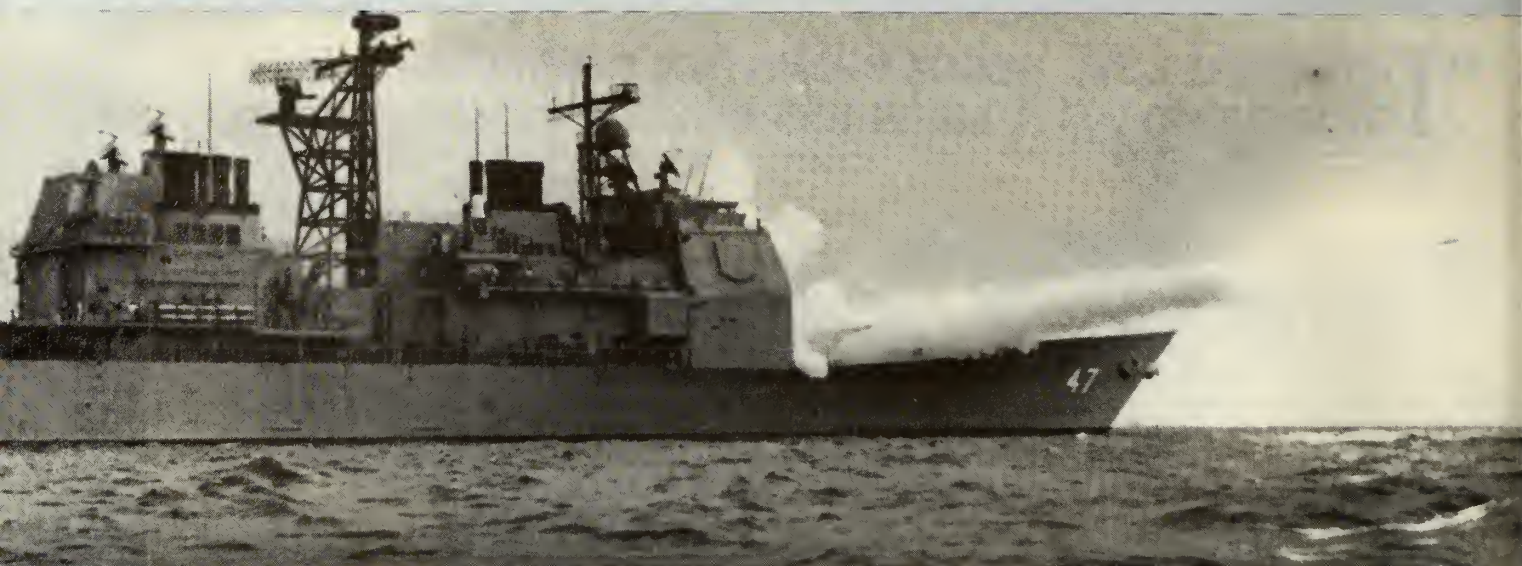
**T**HE NAVY'S AIRCRAFT CARRIERS remain the "key to an effective, balanced 600-ship Navy," said Adm. James D. Watkins, Chief of Naval Operations. At present, there are 12 carriers, including three of the new Nimitz class. Three additional Nimitz carriers are being built. These behemoths are 1,092 feet long, can carry about 95 aircraft and up to 6,200 men, and are capable of speeds over 30 knots.

The carrier aircraft are one of the Navy's principle means of projecting power at sea and ashore. The two-engine, two-seat F-14 Tomcat interceptor has been a mainstay of the Navy's tactical units. Its job in wartime is to intercept attacking Soviet naval bombers armed with cruise missiles. The Tomcat tracks 24 targets simultaneously. Under combat conditions, the F-14 carries six Phoenix air-to-air missiles, which can be launched and targeted simultaneously. The Navy has about 435 F-14A Tomcats, and gradually will order 306 advanced F-14D versions.

The F/A-18 Hornet strike fighter is the Navy's newest tactical aircraft. The twin-engine, single-seat airplane is a dual-mission craft capable of air-to-air or ground-attack missions. It carries the Sidewinder and Sparrow III air-to-air projectiles.

The A-6E Intruder attack plane is widely acclaimed as the world's most capable all-weather craft. It is armed with a variety of bombs and the Har-





U.S. NAVY

**FORMIDABLE FIREPOWER—Ticonderoga-class guided missile cruisers feature the latest in anti-air and antisubmarine weaponry.**

poon anti-ship missile. It also is to fire the HARM anti-radar missile. It can attack ground targets with virtual pinpoint accuracy in darkness or in foul weather. The heart of the A-6E is its radar, which performs an array of complex tasks, including target identification, tracking and terrain clearance. The Navy has approximately 350 A-6Es; an advanced A-6F version is to have new engines, new hydraulics and updated avionics.

**T**he CG-47 Ticonderoga-class of guided-missile cruisers is part of the protective buffer of warships that surrounds each carrier. Designed primarily for anti-air warfare and antisubmarine warfare, the Ticonderoga consists of an Aegis combat system. The Aegis is built around the SPY-1 radar, which is specially designed to target and track incoming missiles, including sea skimmers and those attacking straight down at the ship from high altitudes. The SPY-1 and other Aegis radars are computer-linked to the firing systems of the Ticonderoga's weapons, including the standard missile, antisubmarine rocket, Harpoon missile and Phalanx automatic gatling gun. Lamps MK III antisubmarine helicopters complete its armament. The Navy wants 26 CG-47s.

The new DDG-51-class of guided-missile destroyers has a mission and design similar to the CG-47. The Arleigh Burke, the first of which was funded this year, is designed for anti-air and antisubmarine warfare and is to be fitted with a smaller but more sophisticated version of the SPY-1 radar. It also is to have a verti-

cal launch missile system and 90 missiles, including the Tomahawk.

Despite Soviet advances in submarine design, particularly in the quieting of subs, the U.S. Navy's SSN-688 Los Angeles-class nuclear attack submarine remains one of its most potent weapons. Though the first was commissioned in 1976, the sub's guidance, warfare and data processing components have been continuously modernized. According to Navy experts, the sub's long-range sonar has proven to be exceptionally effective. The sub is 360-feet long, and can travel faster than 30 knots. It is armed with the heavy Mk-48 torpedo, Harpoon and Tomahawk cruise missiles and antisubmarine rockets. The Navy wants about 100 nuclear-powered submarines. About 30 SSN-688s have been delivered to the Navy.

Other warships include four renovated battleships bristling with new missiles and with their famous 16-inch guns refurbished. There also is the new WASP-class LHD-1, an amphibi-

ous assault ship with an 840-foot carrier deck for helicopters and vertical/short takeoff planes, such as the Marine Corps Harrier II. The ship also is fitted with six surgery suites and 600 hospital beds.

## MARINES

**T**HE MARINE CORPS ANNOUNCED this year that it would follow the Army's lead in buying the M1A1 tank, the UH-60 Black Hawk helicopter and the Hummer.

Charged with placing many men ashore quickly, the Marines will also benefit in the coming years from the purchase by the Navy of more than 100 amphibious assault vessels. The largest is the LHD-1, essentially a Marine Corps aircraft carrier, designed to carry helicopters, Harriers, vehicles and Leathernecks to staging areas near enemy shores. The Navy wants five such ships.

Recently, the first of eight Landing Ship Docks, LSD-41 Whidbey Island, was commissioned. Smaller than the LHD-1, these ships will provide a base



**HARRIER—USMC's V/STOL light-attack fighters can take off and land on a compact helicopter pad.**



# "THE LOS ANGELES-CLASS NUCLEAR ATTACK SUBMARINE IS ONE OF OUR MOST POTENT WEAPONS."

for launching high-speed, beach-bound landing craft known as LCACs. These air-cushioned craft carry hundreds of Marines, can go over the surf and well inland. The Navy wants 90 LCACs.

On their own, the Marines are rebuilding or buying hundreds of their amphibious workhorse called the LVT7A1, or Amtrac, which can carry 20 Marines through 10-foot waves at eight miles per hour.

The Marines also plan to buy 386 AV-8B Harrier jump jets during this decade and 225 copies of the F/A-18 Hornet. The two planes will replace a variety of aircraft, most notably the venerable Vietnam-era F-4 Phantom.

The Marines' most significant project today and tomorrow will be a new species of aircraft known as the Osprey. The Osprey looks and flies like a twin-engine turbo-prop, but it can tilt its wings for helicopter-like takeoffs and landings. The Marines want to buy at least 1,000 of the birds beginning in the 1990s.

## OVERVIEW

**O**UR GOVERNMENT—THROUGH renewed commitment to military readiness as evidenced by increased defense appropriations—has made tremendous strides during the past five years in upgrading our strategic weapons systems. Though the results thus far are impressive, overcoming the effects of the neglect of the 1970s will require that Congress—and the American people—continue their commitment to spend whatever is necessary to sustain this program.

Expressed in constant fiscal year 1986 dollars, budget authority for national defense spending has risen from \$196.9 billion in 1980 to \$296.1 billion in 1985, and the President has requested \$313.7 billion for 1986. It is vital that this and similar appropriations throughout the 1980s be approved if we are not to lose the headway already realized.

Real growth in defense spending—the amount of actual increase after factoring for inflation—was minus 0.2 percent in 1979 and plus 2.1 percent in 1980. A significant increase in real growth began in 1981 with a 12.5 per-



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**NUCLEAR ATTACK SUB—360 feet of high-speed hunter/killer firepower.**

cent increase, followed in 1982 by a 12.1 percent increase. Real growth declined, however, in 1983 to 7.8 percent and in 1984 to 3.8 percent.

As Congress fights the battle of the budget and faces increasing pressure to reduce the federal deficit, it is uncertain what the future holds for real growth. It is certain, however, that the job of "rearming America" has begun.

As a result of new emphasis being placed on modernization, the Navy, for example, will soon have 15 deployable aircraft carrier groups, compared to 12 in 1980. Each group consists of a carrier and its air wing, and a protective flotilla of guided missile cruisers, destroyers, frigates and attack submarines, at a cost of approximately \$17 billion dollars each.

The Air Force is building 37 tactical fighter wings of 72 planes each, bringing its total to 40 wings. The Army is aiming at fielding virtually a new Army by the late 1980s, complete with a modern arsenal of battle tanks, armored fighting vehicles and attack helicopters. The Marine Corps is refurbishing most of its fighting units as well.

According to the four Joint Chiefs of Staff, the result of modernization efforts so far is that all of the services are in a better state of overall readiness than at any time during recent memory.

Although weaknesses remain, and new technology compels America to continue to upgrade even its most modern weapons systems, the United

States, weapon for weapon, will be in a much better position to counter any Soviet offensive than at any time in the past decade. Our systems are more reliable and flexible than those of comparable Soviet systems. Where the Soviets' strength is in overwhelming numbers of men and machines, ours is in more sophisticated systems with generally superior capabilities.

**N**onetheless, according to Gen. Bernard Rogers, Supreme Allied Commander of Europe, it is still essential that we obtain a continuing commitment from our NATO allies to rebuild their own conventional forces—something most have been lax in doing, even to the extent of allocating our requested 3 percent per year commitment to real growth in defense spending. Further, the United States needs to increase its array of conventional weapons, especially deep-strike weapons—missiles with ranges of 80 to 300 miles that possess precise targeting and anti-armor capabilities. The U.S. also needs to continually upgrade its nuclear arsenal, a vital part of which would be deployment of the MX Missile.

Now that substantial progress has been made, it becomes the obligation of the American people to ensure that Congress knows that we are committed to continuing a responsible momentum to ensure our armed forces are second to none, or at least capable of countering any threat, no matter the nature and or where it may occur.—*The Editors.* □



# POLICING THE PENTAGON

**DoD's war on waste, fraud and abuse is saving millions of dollars. The Pentagon's top investigator chronicles its money-saving success.**

**By Joseph H. Sherick**

**W**HEN Secretary Weinberger took over the Department of Defense, he substantially increased the authority of his civilian service secretaries. They were given seats on the Defense Resources Board where decisions on spending are made, and they received wider latitude in the day-to-day execution of their programs.

Along with the increased authority came an added measure of responsibility and personal accountability at all levels. In the past, while too much attention was paid to proposing and developing programs—especially those involving the purchase of materials—too little attention was given to management and oversight of those programs. This is where the Office of the Inspector General comes in.

We are an organization of 1,000 auditors, criminal investigators, inspectors and other specialists who set policy and review the operations of 18,300 workers of similar skills in the department. We began in 1981 after Weinberger established the Office of Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Review and Oversight, as a predecessor to our office, to coordinate his plans aimed at preventing and detecting waste, fraud and abuse.

DOD has some of the best manage-

ment procedures and highest motivated people in the country. Unfortunately, we do not always stick to our own systems and guidelines. In the past, we invested in auditors, investigators, inspectors and consultants, but often ignored or paid lip service to their findings and recommendations. We set up elaborate systems to help us acquire weapons, but pushed new weapons through development to procurement without allowing our own controls to warn us of flaws or problems. This does not happen because the department is managed by devious or inept people. It happens because we are part of a success-oriented society which holds that today's problems can be overcome by tomorrow's solutions. Unfortunately, tomorrow's solutions often cost millions of dollars, take inordinate amounts of time, and damage the credibility of defense management.

We are trying to demonstrate to the American people that our resources are used effectively, that we do not—as a matter of routine—pay \$1,000 for a plastic stool cap. We are competent, capable and frugal stewards of your tax dollars. The first step in this direction is to ensure that employees follow guidelines. The second is to ensure that department resources are not siphoned off through illegal or wasteful activities. I believe we are making progress in these goals.

My auditors have totally refocused their efforts. A few years ago about 10 percent of available audit time was devoted to the acquisition process. This figure has now increased to over 60 percent. For example, in a DoD-wide audit of spare parts requested by the Secretary of Defense, more than 300 auditors were used. We may never get rid of all the spare parts horror stories, given the size of the defense procurement system, but major reforms have been adopted to correct

systemic problems, and we plan follow ups to ensure they work.

The department now has a follow-up organization to ensure that management and auditors reach agreement and abide by that agreement. In fiscal year 1984, the department's audit follow-up specialists documented over 63,000 corrective actions with savings of \$1.9 billion.

We are also determined to make those who defraud or steal from the department pay a price for their illegal activities. In fiscal year 1984, cases initiated by defense investigative organizations brought 548 convictions. Equally important, we are pressing management to make use of administrative remedies. Defense activities suspended or debarred 402 individuals or contractors during 1984, up more than 500 percent from the 72 similar actions in 1980.

Detecting and prosecuting criminals is only one aspect of our investigative efforts. We also tell our employees of the vulnerabilities that exist to prevent criminal activity from getting started. To accomplish this, we developed procurement fraud courses and fraud awareness briefings. In the past several months, more than 13,000 DoD employees nationwide have attended. A handbook titled "Indicators of



**A WAR ZONE—A spirited war on waste is under way in the Pentagon.**

Fraud in Department of Defense Procurement" is the basic text for these courses and briefings.

Cooperation of DoD employees and other concerned citizens is imperative to make our initiatives work, and we are getting that cooperation. Since June 1981, when Weinberger encouraged people to use the Defense Hotline to report cases of fraud, waste and abuse, more than 23,000 calls and letters have been received, leading to nearly 8,000 inquiries and millions of dollars of savings.

If you know of fraud, waste or abuse in the Defense establishment, call the hotline—1-800-424-9098. Your grandchildren will thank you. □



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# HOW TO ELIMINATE WASTE IN DEFENSE CONTRACTING

By A. Ernest Fitzgerald

**A**fter reviewing the enormous cost increases in United States weapons programs, I must confess that I want to throw up my hands and shout, "Where has all the money gone?"

In my opinion, major management reforms in the Defense Department are necessary to reduce excessive costs, shore up procurement procedures and yield greater returns for the taxpayer's dollar. The way to qualitative and quantitative weapons systems is not by pouring good money after bad, but by eliminating waste in U.S. defense contracting.

When we talk of eliminating waste in terms of management reforms, we are talking about changing attitudes. Admiral Hyman Rickover said it extremely well in the November 1984 issue of *The American Legion Magazine* when he wrote, "The Defense Department should be a demanding customer, not a partner of industry."

For DoD to become a demanding customer it will, indeed, require a change of attitude. We need top-level policy based on attitude change that will encourage employees to do the right thing—to see clearly that their duty lies in getting good equipment for our fighting forces without bankrupting the taxpayers, rather than in the care and feeding of defense contractors.

A changed attitude that will reward defense contractors' cost efficiency and punish the waste, and set upright the present upside-down rewards and punishment system both in government

**DoD's attitude toward contractors needs altering before waste in contracting can be controlled, says this cost-efficiency expert.**

and among the contractors is required.

Once we have DoD contracting employees motivated to eliminate waste, we need to go after competition for contracts. For example, at Tinker AFB, Okla., the government realized a substantial cost reduction after seeking out competitors for a contract. They ended up paying \$96 for a collection of parts that had cost them \$2,300 without competition. Further example using competition also showed very significant cost savings over a broad range of defense products.

It is important to understand that inflated prices in familiar spare parts scandals reflect overpricing generally in defense procurement spending.

We need to motivate the buyers to find ways to get more competition, both in initial awards and in follow-on contracts. We need the buyers to negotiate, to insist on tougher price limits based on what the work should cost with the fat squeezed out.

We tend to allow the contractor's actual cost to be accepted as the "good cost" because DoD employees have the burden of proving why the cost shouldn't be awarded. When a contractor puts in for dog-boarding costs, we look it up in our books and can't find anything against it, so we end up paying it. We've got to stop doing that. We need to turn it around and make the contractor justify the cost.

We need to think in terms of "should cost" and not what the contractor says it costs.

We need to write sound, binding contracts for weapons systems, using competitive prototypes wherever practical so we can define what we're buying in specific, enforceable terms. We should not continue to change contracts for contractors. We must stop giving spurious "contract nourishment" change orders or other bailouts. We must enforce these contracts without relaxing requirements even if some may lose money on occasion.

Better technical performance at lower cost is possible too. Consider the case of the Sidewinder air-to-air missile. This weapon was phenomenally successful both in the recent war in Lebanon and in the Falklands. Yet it was developed at a relatively low cost by a small team of people who knew

what they were doing. The real shame of it is that we already have people on the U.S. payroll who know how to bring about the needed improvements. Many tell me that they would do the right thing if they could get away with it, but they can't.

Big spenders of all political persuasions will argue that we have only two alternatives in military acquisition: continue to throw money at the problem or accept less defense capability. Teachers of logic call this the fallacy of the false alternatives. Obviously, we have a golden opportunity right now to get more usable products for the taxpayers' acquisition dollar. The public wants it, the operating forces would benefit and we have people already on the federal payroll who know how to do the job far more effectively than at present. □



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28th Division, Paris, France (Watercolor by Harry Davis)

# V-E DAY!

**THANKSGIVING  
AND REVELRY  
MARKED THE  
VICTORY IN  
EUROPE, BUT  
FOR MILLIONS  
OF GIs, THE  
WAR RAGED ON.**

**By Richard F. Newcomb**

**T**HE Ludendorff Bridge no longer stands at Remagen, and the Rhine cruise boats pass by the spot without a word. You can see the old piers standing bare in the water and, if you are American, you know what happened here.

American GIs, 48 divisions of them in three full armies under Omar Bradley, had smashed the Siegfried Line and were driving eastward to the Rhine, the last barrier to the enemy

homeland. Surely the Germans would make a stand at the Rhine.

Gen. Hodges' First Army reached Remagen on March 7, 1945, found the bridge intact, but with undetonated demolition charges under the piers. Was it a trap? Bradley telephoned Eisenhower and said he had five divisions he could throw across the Rhine. Do it, said Eisenhower, and remembered later that suddenly it seemed to him the end for Germany was "just around the corner."

Two days later the VIII Corps reached the Rhine at Andernach, and the next day the XII Corps was there. Patton's magnificent Third Army, which had led the breakout from Normandy and the relief force at Bastogne, never stopped at the Rhine.

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**Sherman tanks at St. Lo, 1944 (Oil painting by Ogden Pleissner)**

On March 22 the 5th Division quickly established two bridgeheads, took 19,000 prisoners, and was off on the dash that took them across Germany and into Czechoslovakia.

By the end of March, Montgomery's British and Canadian forces were pushing across northern Germany and the Russians were closing in from the east. On the west the Germans were surrendering in droves, some 10,000 of them per day, thankful the Russians had not gotten them. In the east, hundreds of thousands of civilians were fleeing before the Russian armies, fearing death or (even worse) internment at the hands of the avenging hordes. Some parents killed their children and then themselves, choosing death before capture.

On the afternoon of April 12, a White House telephone call reached Harry Truman on Capitol Hill. Would the vice president please come to the White House as soon as possible? Truman entered the family quarters about 5:30 p.m. and Eleanor Roosevelt rose to meet him. "Harry," she said, "the President is dead." Truman had been vice president for 82 days, and actually had seen little of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The President, only recently returned from Yalta tired and ill, had died at Warm Springs, Ga.

A 7:09 p.m. on the 12th, Truman took the oath of office in the Cabinet Room and began a presidency that changed the world. No one then present could have imagined what the next four months held for history. Late that night Harry Truman went home to the modest apartment on Connecticut Avenue he shared with his wife and daughter. The world's

problems were now his and he was awed by their number and magnitude, but he was not dismayed.

The next morning the military leaders gathered at the White House and gave Truman their forecast: It would take at least six more months to finish off Germany, and the target date for the defeat of Japan was a year after that, autumn of 1946.

But events were moving faster than they knew. The night before, after the swearing in, Henry L. Stimson stayed behind when the others left. The secretary of war then told the new President that a top-secret project was about to yield a new explosive "of almost unbelievable destructive power." Stimson said he would explain more fully as soon as time permitted a longer meeting. That was not until April 25, when Truman learned the full story of the atomic bomb program.

In the meantime, the war in Europe was rushing to a close. By mid-April the American armies had surrounded the Ruhr and on April 18 Bradley took the surrender of 325,000 Germans, including 30 general officers topped by Field Marshal Walther von Model. A week before that, Simpson's 9th Army had reached the Elbe.

In the east, the Russians crossed the Oder River and pressed forward in three spearheads on a 200-mile front, the southern point heading for Dresden, the center one for Berlin, and the northern one for Denmark and a link-up with Montgomery's forces. Monty had reached the Elbe on April 19, and on April 25 the Americans met the ad-

vancing Russians at Torgau on the Elbe, 75 miles south of Berlin. Germany was split in half. Would the high command now try for a final stand in the Bavarian Alps, the so-called Great Redoubt? No, too late for that.

One arm of Patton's Third Army, swelled to over a half-million men, had already plunged across southern Germany through Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Oberammergau and into Innsbruck, Austria. Another arm had pushed into Czechoslovakia and even now stood on the outskirts of Prague. The last great American air raid of the war in Europe had destroyed Berchtesgaden, and on April 30 Hitler committed suicide in his bunker in Berlin. The German radio announced the deed on May 1, and there was chaos in the Axis high command.

In the south, German Army Group G, the 1st and 19th Armies, surrendered to Gen. Devers on April 29. In the north, Adm. Hans-Georg Friedeburg, the new head of the German Navy, surrendered German forces in the north to Montgomery, including Denmark and Holland, on May 5. On the same day, Adm. Karl Doenitz, now claiming to be Hitler's successor, sent a representative to Eisenhower's headquarters "to talk." Ike replied there was nothing to talk about, just surrender unconditionally.

The next day, Col. Gen. Alfred Gustav Jodl arrived at Rheims, still wanting to talk. Eisenhower refused to see

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**Antiaircraft Crew in Action (Oil painting by Dean Cornwell)**



# THE STORY BEHIND TAPS

*It's a bugle call that easily evokes tears on Memorial Day and at other times when Americans formally honor their war dead. . . mournful notes that cause an upwelling of pride and emotion. The song is Taps—and this is the story of how it came to be written.*

**By William L. Noyer**

**T**APS.  
The lonely bugle grieves and we think of Memorial Day, Veterans Day. Tiny American flags on seemingly endless rows of white crosses. Plaintive bugle notes that bring an involuntary lump to the throat.

*Taps.*

A reverent hush falls over the mourners gathered beside a freshly dug grave. Eyes moisten as an Army officer gently hands an American flag, carefully folded in a triangle, to the widow, then—"on behalf of a grateful nation"—renders a slow, final salute.

*Taps.*

And, if you have ever served in the Armed Forces, you can no doubt still hear the haunting notes rising to the stars and see the lights flickering out around the camp. An overwhelming sadness wells up as you think of family and loved ones far away.

Yes, of all the military bugle calls, none is more melodic or has such universal appeal as Taps. It is the one call that is used at all U.S. military burial services; it is always sounded, or blown, to mark the end of the "minute of silence" on Veterans Day. "It rolls down the curtains on the soldier's day, and upon the soldier's life," the composer of Taps once said.

However, few of us know about the origin of Taps, or how it came to be one of America's most inspiring pieces

of military music. Strangely enough, the composer was not a musician, had no "formal knowledge of music nor of the technical names of any notes." He composed Taps simply by ear. His name was Daniel Butterfield, a Union general in the Civil War.

Butterfield's unit had taken part in a pitched battle at Gaines' Mill, near Richmond, Va., on June 26, 1862. His men had begun to falter. However, in spite of a serious wound, Butterfield seized the Colors and rallied his men to hold their ground. (He later received the Medal of Honor for his bravery.) This action allowed the Army of the Potomac to withdraw safely to nearby Harrison's Landing.

The Army's morale was low, but sank even lower after President Lincoln arrived at headquarters and announced that "reinforcement was impossible." He advised his commander, Gen. McClellan, "to wait, to rest and to repair." Hopes for an early end to the war were fading.

An atmosphere of seriousness settled over the entire camp; there were no more cries of "On to Richmond!" The younger volunteers were homesick. Even the older men's thoughts turned to the anxious families they had left up north.

Butterfield must have sensed the mood. As night closed down over the Virginia hills, he began to turn over in his mind musical phrases which would express that strange quietude—the hush that hung over the army of tents where thousands of men slept while sentries kept watch. At last he settled upon a combination of sounds that he hoped would bring comfort and peace to the tired and troubled men.



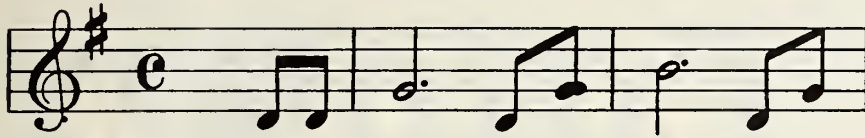
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The next morning, July 2, 1862, Butterfield called in his brigade bugler, Oliver W. Norton, and whistled his melody as the surprised bugler listened. After hearing Norton blow the call several times, Butterfield hummed and whistled some changes. Norton, who soon had the call down perfectly, wrote the seven notes on the back of an old envelope and played it near dusk that same evening.

As Norton later wrote, "The music was beautiful on that still summer night, and was heard beyond the limits of the Butterfield Brigade as it echoed through the valleys. The next morning, buglers from other brigades came to visit and to inquire about the new Taps and to learn how to sound it."

The effect was magical. It was soon being used throughout the Army of the Potomac.



**D**AY IS DONE, GONE THE SUN  
FROM THE LAKES, FROM THE HILLS,  
FROM THE SKIES, ALL IS WELL,  
SAFELY REST, GOD IS NIGH.



A few days later, a soldier in Battery A of the 2nd U.S. Artillery died. Normally, he would have been honored by having his own squad fire three rifle volleys over his grave. However, the Army of the Potomac was surrounded. Fearing that rifle volleys might provoke new fighting by the rebels, Capt. John D. Tidball, the Battery A commander, told the bugler, "Just sound Taps." This was the first use of the call at a military funeral.

Taps followed Butterfield to his new commands: To Fort Monroe (the first military post to hear its mournful wail, to the Army of Northern Virginia, to the Army of Cumberland, to the Armies of the West (Chattanooga), to Gettysburg, and finally on Sherman's March to the Sea. It has been said that the Confederates also adopted Taps, using it at the burial of Gen. "Stonewall" Jackson in 1863.

Taps was officially adopted by the Army in 1874. By 1900, all U.S. military services were using Taps and France even adopted the American call during WWI.

At the end of World War I, Gen. John J. Pershing called in Hartley B. Edwards, an American soldier, to sound the final Taps.

"It was eleven o'clock in the morning," Edwards later recalled. "I stalled a minute, and then I played it, still not knowing why. Then some Frenchmen came rushing in saying '*Fini la guerre*' and I understood the armistice had been signed."

Edwards' bugle, which may have cost the government \$5 in 1918 when he took it to war, is now in the Smithsonian Institution.

As for Butterfield, he was severely wounded at Gettysburg by the heavy cannonade that preceded Pickett's charge, but he did not retire from active field service until he fell a victim to fever during Sherman's March to the Sea.

After his distinguished military career, Butterfield resigned from the Army in 1870 to serve in the Treasury Department under President Grant. Butterfield later became a prominent banker, shipper, real estate operator and merchant. When old age forced him to seek a less active life, he retired to "Cragside," his country home at Cold Spring, N.Y., overlooking the Hudson River. In the evening, he could hear the West Point bugler just across the river sound taps.

Butterfield died in 1901 and was buried in the cemetery of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point with full military honors . . . and to that saddest song of all, his beloved Taps. □

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# The Cottage Industry EXPLOSION

By Phyllis Zauner

**N**EARLY every commuter has occasional daydreams of chucking his job and leaving the rat race behind. Fred (we'll call him) did more than cherish the dream. He acted on it.

One day—a smoggy Friday in Los Angeles when the commute was packed bumper to bumper—he announced to his wife over a warmed-over late dinner that he was fed up. “I can’t take it any more,” he grumbled. “The office politics, the three hours on that freeway every day . . .”

That was six years ago. Today he’s publishing tourist books (a subject about which he formerly knew nothing) out of a well-organized, professional-looking office that was previously a bedroom in his home. And he almost never wears a necktie.

There’s a growing movement across America to work at home. Men like Fred have become part of a loosely knit, but huge segment of the economy known as “cottage industries.” Some are goaded by a wish to spend more time with their families. Others, who have lost their jobs, find it easier to start home-based businesses than to find new jobs. Some simply want control over their lives.

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, at least 10 million businesses are run in American homes. That’s how many list home addresses on the IRS form for sole business proprietors. It’s a 50-percent increase over a decade ago. But no one knows really how many there are. It’s a nebulous netherworld so obscure that estimates of how much money it generates range from \$20 billion to a staggering \$600 billion a year.

Running a home business is nothing

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**TEN MILLION AMERICANS HAVE QUIT THE RAT RACE AND GONE HOME...TO WORK. BEFORE YOU JOIN THEM, HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO CONSIDER.**

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new. Once it was a standard way of life. In fact, some hugely successful businesses began at home. Milton Hershey founded his candy empire when he began mixing batches of caramel at home. Hugh Hefner put together the first issues of *Playboy* magazine on his kitchen table. Steve Jobs and Stephen Wozniak launched Apple Computer Corporation from Jobs’ garage.

But the new work-at-home advocates don’t necessarily aspire to empire founding. For them, being home is an end in itself. Like Dorothy in “The Wizard of Oz,” they’ve discovered “there’s no place like home.”

Once, “cottage industry” brought to mind pottery makers and piecework seamstresses. No longer. Today its numbers include such diverse occupations as the Minnesota man who builds and markets indoor greenhouses, and a former Purdue U. teacher who operates a skin-care center in his apartment. People are finding that business-at-home makes good business sense.

• In Los Angeles, a promotions consultant who moved his business out of an expensive Ventura Boulevard suite into his home finds he’s saving the monthly rent, getting a large tax deduction, and seeing a lot more of his family. “We’ve all gotten a lot closer. My wife and I started this business together in 1973,” he said. “Now we’re back working together and we like it. I used to drive to my office early in

the morning to make my New York calls. Now I get up, take a cup of coffee upstairs, and get on the phone. And I’m saving a lot on gas.”

• In Sauk Village, Ill., a young couple bored with office life bought a \$4,000 IBM computer and plunged into the free-lance word-processing business. In their first six months, they were taking in \$1,800 a month. “We wanted to stay home with our three small children,” they said.

• In Marblehead, Maine, a former bus driver now grinds and polishes brass propeller shafts into working replicas of nautical cannons in his basement, selling them at prices from \$600 to \$1,200. His wife runs a second business, raising and selling 150 varieties of herbs. “I’m a homebody,” he said. “Sometimes we’re a little pinched for income, but we don’t demand a heck of a lot, either. And I don’t have to sweat the rush-hour traffic into Boston.”

Some home-based businesses, on the other hand, produce an amazing income. A woman in Chicago earned over \$120,000 last year making light fixtures for doll houses, according to Coralee Kern, a Chicago businesswoman who heads the National Association for the Cottage Industry, and is the country’s leading advocate for the home-based business movement. “And her next-door neighbor doesn’t even know she works!” she said.

Kern had her own reasons for starting a business at home 11 years ago.





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Hospitalized with lupus, she learned she would no longer be able to go out and earn a living. She faced a grave situation. "I was divorced and had two children; I had to do something."

What she did was to open a domestic cleaning service from her home, dubbing it Maid-to-Order. Her plan was simple but effective: She asked the managers of high-rise apartments along fashionable Lakeshore Drive to recommend her service to their tenants, offering the managers a cut of her earnings. After that she combed the newspaper society pages and sent hand-addressed letters to prominent Chicagoans, announcing her service. Within a few days she had 200 clients.

Despite solid financial success (she now employs 460 people), Kern continues to run her business at home.

She also publishes a newsletter called "Mind Your Own Business At Home," which provides a network for the work-at-home group.

"It becomes clearer and clearer," she said, "that the cottage industries are no longer just little old ladies knitting potholders. A lot of them are men; they write and say, 'Thank you for letting me come out of the closet.'"

The nation's closets may empty in a hurry, given the emergence of a new type of home-based business, the electronic cottage.

Recent technological developments are making it possible for households to be extensions of offices; telephone computer hookups allow work to be transmitted to a company headquarters miles

away from the actual work site. A device called an acoustic coupler connects people who use computers to a main computer bank—or sometimes a micro-computer is placed in the home.

Welcome, then, to the wonderful phenomenon of telecommuting, which shows promise of changing the daily lives of Americans as radically as the automobile did a half-century ago.

Alvin Toffler, in *The Third Wave*,

predicted that up to half the people in the future work force would spend all or part of their working lives at home. In fact, claimed cultural soothsayer Toffler, with the electronic cottage wired into the boardrooms of the nation, the transformation could be nothing short of a "workquake."

Some corporations have already taken the first step. Control Data Corporation, 3M and Blue Cross/Blue Shield have installed computer terminals in select employees' homes and have plans to expand these programs.

Telecommuting shows promise of opening up vast tracts of human potential, allowing people previously doomed to unproductive lives, to blossom—the handicapped, for instance. Already there's an organization—Life, Inc. of Northbrook, Ill.—that trains the severely disabled to become computer programmers. Control Data also has a program for the disabled. It's called Homework and allows companies to train and employ the disabled at home.

So far, telecommuting is hardly a tidal wave. But Jack Nilles, a senior research associate at the University of Southern California, estimated the number of telecommuters ranges from

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## **"WE WANTED TO STAY HOME WITH OUR THREE SMALL CHILDREN."**



# THE SOVIET MILITARY: A PAPER TIGER?

***Anyone who thinks the United States doesn't need a strong defense should take note of this expert's assessment of Soviet military power.***

**By Edward N. Luttwak**

**I**t is impossible to grow up in America without being highly conscious of the vastness of the land and the unique dimensions of its wealth. Not much given to arrogance and quite devoid of any imperial sense of superiority, Americans nevertheless approach the outside world with a presumption of material superiority—and with good reason: the United States remains by far the world's richest country. Others may have better restaurants, or even better universities; others may have outpaced the United States in productivity within some industries or many, and nowadays of course there are several foreign countries in which average incomes exceed the American level. But these are all new developments not yet fully absorbed into the minds of most Americans, and in any case it remains true that the United States produces and consumes much more than any other country, specifically almost twice as much as the Soviet Union. Our minds therefore resist the

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notion that large as the American military forces undoubtedly are, those of the Soviet Union are larger still, and in some ways much more powerful.

That is why our media are very eager to relay stories of Soviet incompetence (submarines adrift, inept tactics in Afghanistan), and that is why there is a large readership for the various books which have appeared of late which argue that the Soviet armed

forces are very much weaker than they seem. Citing refugee accounts or personal experience, they depict the pervasive technical incompetence, drunkenness, corruption and bleak apathy of officers and men. Drunken officers and faked inspections, Turkic conscripts who cannot understand orders in Russian, drownings in botched river-crossing tests, the harsh lives of Soviet conscripts, ill-fed, ill-housed,



virtually unpaid, and a pervasive lack of adequate training fill these accounts.

It is odd how all these stories (each true, no doubt) contrast with the daily evidence of the routine operations of the Soviet armed forces. Merely to keep its warships seaworthy and supplied in distant and often stormy waters, the Soviet navy needs a great deal of disciplined expertise from officers and men. Even more skill is needed to carry out successfully the missile launches and gunnery trials, which are also part of the Soviet naval routine. Likewise, we have the daily evidence of Soviet air operations; they

hicles, hundreds of helicopters and countless smaller weapons that feature in its larger exercises. It only takes a minimum of drunken inattention or technical incompetence, or mere apathy by maintenance crews to cause an aircraft to crash; only a little more can sink a ship; and the delicate gear box of a battle tank is easily wrecked. Many refugees can no doubt honestly report having seen many soldiers and officers drunk; each who has served in uniform has no doubt encountered much incompetence at all levels.

Actual alcoholism in the severe, clinical sense is now epidemic in the Soviet Union, where so many lead

stories of corruption, they too are undoubtedly authentic. But no great military empire is likely to be undone by generals who procure villas by corrupt dealings nor by sergeants who take the odd rouble off a conscript; Anglo-Saxon morality makes much of these things, history much less.

On the question of loyalty even less need be said. Should the Soviet Union start a war only to experience a series of swift defeats, it is perfectly possible that mutinies would follow, to overthrow the Kremlin's oppressive and most unjust rule. But if the initial war operations are successful, it would be foolish to expect that private disloyalty would emerge to undo victory and disintegrate the armed forces. There is always a small minority of lonely heroes who have the inner resources of character to act on their own against the entire power of the world's largest and most complete dictatorship. The rest of us, weaker souls, must stay in the safety of the crowd—and the crowd does not rebel against a uniquely pervasive police system at the very time when successful war is adding to its prestige, and the laws of war make its sanctions more terrible.

Only one claim can be allowed: It is true that the ethnic composition of the Soviet population is changing, with non-Russians making up an increasing proportion of the total. And it is also true that this creates problems of loyalty unknown in the United States, because in the Soviet Union distinct

nationalities persist intact, with their own languages, their own ethnic sentiments, and sometimes with strong national antagonism to the Russian master-people. As the proportion of non-Russian conscripts increases, language problems increase also, and because many of these conscripts come from backward nationalities, they are harder to train in modern military skills even if they do know the Russian language. There is also a greater potential for ethnic strife, already manifest sometimes in barracks-room fights and brawls.

In the very long run it is possible and even likely that the non-Russians, or at least the larger non-European peoples, the Uzbeks, Kazakhs, Tad-

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## "THE SOVIET UNION'S MILITARY RECORD COMPARES VERY WELL WITH THAT OF THE UNITED STATES."

too require a great deal of competence, both in the daily training sorties of the fighters and in the long range flights of the bombers and transports. Nor can the Soviet army fake all the disciplined maintenance work, tight planning and operator skills needed to assemble, move and operate the many thousands of complicated armored ve-

bleak lives, no longer alleviated by the once vibrant hopes of a better future. Drunkenness is no doubt pervasive in the Soviet armed forces. But then again, Russians have always been hard drinkers. Drunk they defeated Napoleon, and drunk again they defeated Hitler's armies, advancing all the way to Berlin. As for all the

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**MISSILE POWER**—Surface-to-air missiles parade through Moscow's Red Square during a military display of Soviet weapons technology. Missiles such as these were used extensively in combat by Soviet-supported military units in North Vietnam and the Middle East.



# NEW ORLEANS, THE CRESCENT CITY NATIONAL CONVENTION '85



*French Quarter charm and Bourbon Street beat await more than 12,000 Legionnaires getting ready for business in Louisiana.*

**By Paul Martin**

**A** REPORTER once asked jazz drummer Gene Krupa what it was like to play in a group with famous trumpeter Louis Armstrong. Krupa thought for a moment and then replied, "It felt like somebody turned on the power."

Whether he was growling the lyrics to "Hello Dolly" in a Chicago night club or trumpeting "Honeysuckle Rose" in Stockholm, Louis Armstrong carried the musical message of his New Orleans jazz heritage wherever he went.

New Orleans jazz is only one of countless attractions in the American Legion's 1985 convention city. New Orleans is Cajun cooking, the Superdome, street cars, paddlewheel steamers, antiques, gourmet restau-

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NEW ORLEANS TOURIST COMMISSION

**LOCAL FLAVOR**—Ornate wrought-iron balconies echo architectural preferences of the past which never grow old.

teleone, Ramada, Royal Sonesta and Le Pavillon. The convention corporation office will open in May in the Hyatt Regency. The national staff office will set up in the Hyatt in August.

The traditional memorial service is scheduled for Sunday morning, Aug. 25, followed by the parade late Sunday afternoon. Senior and Junior Color Guards and Senior and Junior Drill Teams will compete as part of the parade.

The National Commander's banquet will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 27 in the Regency ballroom of the Hyatt Regency Hotel. Entertainment will be

provided by the "Blue Edition" jazz ensemble from Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Miss. They offer everything from Glenn Miller to Michael Jackson.

The Auxiliary will hold the states dinner in the Sheraton Grand Ballroom on Monday evening with more than 1,500 members expected to attend.

Conventioneers looking for a guided tour of New Orleans night life will find excellent after-dark group tours available. They include stops at more than one night spot, generally three, for the show, dinner and a nightcap at one of the city's popular clubs. You'll be picked up at your hotel and brought

back home after the tour is through.

The center of the French Quarter, Jackson Square, is dominated by a large statue of General Andrew Jackson. The hero of the battle of New Orleans in 1815 teamed up with Jean Lafitte, the notorious pirate, as well as Choctaw Indians, Creoles and slaves to win the battle.

Royal Street could be called New Orleans' antique row. Shop after shop is filled with English, Oriental, American and Irish antiques, including silver, china, jewelry, painting and rugs.

The French Quarter is a sightseer's delight. Its Creole architecture creates an atmosphere of a foreign city and combines native design skills with variations of French colonial traditions of eastern Canada and West Indian Colonial styles. Of both architectural and historical interest are the Ursuline Convent, completed in 1734, and St. Louis Cathedral, built in 1794.

The French Quarter is famed for its superb restaurants. They offer a succulent choice of jumbo shrimp, snapper, blue crabs, pompano, oysters, flounder and nearly any other dish done to perfection.

Jazz enthusiasts find music heaven in New Orleans where jazz began at the start of the century. Locals and visitors alike enjoy Pete Fountain on the third floor of the Hilton and the Dukes of Dixie at the Monteleone.

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band performs in the French Quarter.

The New Orleans Jazz Club has established a Jazz Museum, which is open to the public. Among other items, the museum displays Louis Armstrong's first cornet.

For a lovely evening on the water, steamboats have daily cruises that leave the wharf opposite Jackson Square. On Saturday night there's a moonlight dance cruise departing at 10 p.m.

The luxury of a 19th century stern-wheeler river boat has been recreated on the Mark Twain that sails every night at 7:30.

The cruise includes top musical groups and a buffet steak dinner.

New Orleans offers an extensive range of cultural facilities. For instance, the Confederate Museum houses a unique display of Civil War relics. The Institute of Middle American Research at Tulane University has one of the world's finest collections of Mayan, Aztec, Toltec and other middle American artifacts.

New Orleans is big enough to enjoy and small enough to be friendly. It's geared to entertaining visitors with a nearly endless selection of recreational choices. Be there and let the good times roll. □



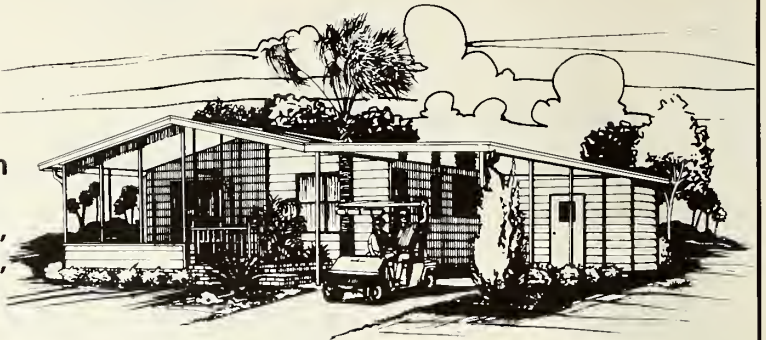
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**A**pparent kickbacks in the manufactured (mobile) home industry throughout the United States are being investigated by the VA. The manufacturers alleged kickback scheme may have defrauded the VA of more than \$3.5 million, VA officials reported.

One company has agreed to pay a \$50,000 fine and \$450,000 to the VA in a negotiated plea agreement in settling the government civil claims, the Justice Department announced. In the first stage of "Operation Protect Veterans," the VA has identified 30 home manufacturers for investigation. Records of an additional 75 are being examined.

The VA has guaranteed over 90,000 loans to veterans buying manufactured homes in a 13-year history of the program. Since 1981, the VA has paid more than 3,000 claims on defaulted loans.

The kickback scheme involved guaranteed loans that defaulted. Companies allegedly padded invoices that they had certified as true manufacturing costs. Then, they would give the additional money to dealers as kickbacks in exchange for taking the mobile homes, the VA said.

There are about 150 home manufacturers and 7,000 dealers in the United States. The kickbacks from manufacturers to dealers inflate the cost of the home, with the veteran paying the difference. The VA began its investigation about a year ago, based on information provided by the VA's Loan Guaranty Service and industry sources.

**S**cheduled publication of the Columbia University-American Legion Study of Vietnam-era veterans has been delayed again due to last-minute information that must be included.

The information, provided by the Army, concerns spraying missions for the herbicide Agent Orange and must be programmed into computers to compare it against surveys completed by members of The American Legion.

The study, originally scheduled to be completed in November 1984, was extended to February 1985. Insufficient return of survey forms hampered the study's completion in November and was also cited as a cause for the second delay.

Columbia University researcher, Dr. Jeanne Stellman, has asked that Legionnaires provided with surveys mail the forms back.

Some 15,000 Legionnaires were asked to answer questions concerning their health, economic and education progress, and social readjustment following Vietnam-era service. Half of those surveyed served in Vietnam while the other half served in that era, but not in Southeast Asia.

**U**.S. prisoners of war may be awarded medals, if a bill introduced by Sen. William V. Roth Jr. passes the House.

The medal would be given to former POWs who are serving in the armed forces or who received an honorable discharge.

The medal would also be available to legal heirs of deceased POWs, on application to the Department of Defense.

"A Prisoner of War Medal would acknowledge military service under the most difficult circumstances a soldier, sailor or airman can endure," Roth said. "It would be a fitting recognition by the people of the United States that an individual forfeited his freedom in the cause of freedom."

**V**eterans receiving VA pensions by virtue of being 65 or older are being asked to participate in a Congressionally mandated VA study.

VA regional offices are sending notices to pension recipients whose claim number ends in "6" and who have no disability rating on record. The agency estimates that about 4,000 will be surveyed.

The veterans receive a letter informing them of the study and offering a free voluntary physical exam. The study will continue until November 1986.

Results of the study will be examined, but the pensioner's payment will not be touched unless there is a need to increase it. The award will not be reduced or stopped.

The Veterans Benefits Improvements Act of 1984 requires the VA to survey the health status of older, needy wartime veterans who are eligible for pension solely because of their age and income status. To receive a VA pension, a veteran must have served at least 90 days, part of which was in a period of war, be 65 or older (or, if younger, be totally and permanently disabled), and have limited financial resources. Currently there is no proof of disability required for veterans over 65.

**A**n era ended recently when the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, Inc., closed its books after five years of working from offices in Washington, D.C.

With the unveiling of a statue of three fighting men on Veterans Day last year the memorial site was complete and the National Park Service assumed responsibility for maintenance of the memorial and the grounds.

The organization, directed by Jan Scruggs, served to raise money and handle details of the construction and dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, to which The American Legion and Auxiliary contributed more than \$2 million.

**A** new VA artificial foot, the Seattle Foot, was among winners of the First Presidential Awards for Design Excellence.

The foot was developed at a cost of \$38,000 by the VA Medical Center in Seattle, Wash.

The revolutionary prosthetic device, which was praised for its mechanical simplicity, high efficiency and modest cost, enables foot amputees to participate in such sports as running, basketball and soccer. It is currently being field-tested in 42 VA prosthetics centers across the country.



# Who Will Care For The Aging Veteran?

***Proposed cuts in veterans' medical care and services may be the first step in eliminating the VA's independent hospital system. We must not let that happen.***

**"I** t is my uneasy feeling that there is a very real move afoot to realign and thereby effectively dismantle the VA health care system, as we know it," said National Commander Clarence M. Bacon.

It's not just the proposed cuts in veterans benefits before the 99th Congress, as serious as they are, that concerns Bacon. It's something more than that; it's that those proposed cuts may signify only a beginning of reductions yet to come.

Bacon came away from Washington last September with these concerns after a meeting with Veterans Administration officials and representatives of the health care community. He was appalled to hear someone even suggest that there might be steps taken to tamper with the VA's effectiveness to serve the health care needs of America's veterans.

"That meeting stiffened my resolve to see that what we have worked so hard for over these past many years will not simply disappear in an attempt to shuffle veterans into alternative means of health care," the Commander said.

But, if the VA health care system is dismantled, who will care for the aging veteran? By the year 2000—just 15 years away—nine million veterans will be age 65 or older and four million will be 75 or older.

Opponents of the VA health care system regularly point to other public health care programs as alternatives, but none seems to be equipped to do the job as efficiently. Lost in the clamor for change is a clear understanding of the unique missions of VA hospitals. They are:

- ***To Provide Care Tailored for Veterans.***

Edward G. was stabbed with a German bayonet in World War II and the wound causes problems from time to time. He has been going to the VA Hospital in Tampa, Fla., for treatment for years. Edward is just one of thousands of veterans who have service-connected wounds or disabilities, including mental and chemically induced disorders that require specialized attention. Since the 1930s that specialized care for veterans has been the personal mandate of VA hospitals throughout the nation.

- ***To Conduct Research and To Train the Nation's Health Professionals.***

The VA hospital system is the largest trainer of health manpower in the nation. About half of the practicing physicians in the United States had some of their clinical training in the VA system. In fiscal year 1983, the VA provided clinical training to more than 99,000 students in all health care disciplines. For years VA hospitals have been leaders in research of prosthetics, tuberculosis and more recently in post-traumatic stress disorder.

- ***To Aid the Nation in Research and***

***Development of Geriatric Care.*** The VA hospital system has been a pioneer of much research dealing with the older population. Some of the most advanced work in basic and applied research has been and is being done by the VA in cardiovascular disease, cancer, cardiac surgery and Alzheimer's Disease. Major emphasis in these areas continues to be a focus of the Geriatrics Research, Educational Centers: a total of 15 centers has been authorized by Congress. There are currently 10 GRECs operational.

- ***To Back up Military Hospitals in a National Emergency.*** Whether or not we like to think of it, the fact remains that if the United States went to war, the military hospitals probably would not be able to care for even the first day's casualties. A recently added mission of VA hospitals is to absorb the overflow of war casualties—a requirement implemented through Public Law 97-174, which alone justifies a strongly funded VA hospital system.

Who else has the expertise or genuine concern to handle those missions? Anyone who analyzes the VA's very specialized missions and reviews the VA's educational contributions to the national and international medical communities can clearly see the VA health care delivery system provides such a unique mix of services that it is an irreplaceable system and should be maintained as a separate operation.

Critics argue that public and private







hospitals can accommodate the medical needs of veterans, while others believe that VA care is not adequate. These arguments, coupled with the mistaken belief that free VA medical treatment is liberally provided to most veterans, make it tempting for government budget cutters to seek reductions in the VA medical system, or to eliminate the system altogether.

"Our field staff members who visit VA facilities," Commander Bacon said, "have found that those using the VA health care system are overwhelmingly the aged and poor—the oldest, the poorest and the sickest veterans. If forced into the private sector, these veterans

would have to resort to Medicare, Medicaid and to other publicly supported systems, most of which just could not meet the increased demands placed on them."

Bacon said that almost without exception, those who promote VA budget cuts are primarily concerned with short-term cost savings. They fail to recognize the alternative federal costs associated with cutting VA expendi-

tures which would be borne elsewhere.

In medical care, VA spending between fiscal years 1975 and 1984 rose from \$3.7 billion to \$8.8 billion. Though this constitutes an increase of 138 percent, the cost of Medicare spending during that same period rose from \$12.9 billion to \$62 billion, an increase of 380 percent. In the private

sector, medical spending between fiscal years 1975 and 1984 rose from \$66.6 billion to \$215 billion, or 323 percent.

"Given the clear restraint in VA spending during these past 10 years compared to medical costs in other programs, the VA hospital system is a model of prudence," said the Commander.

Budgetary critics of VA lose even more ground when discussing elimination of the hospital system at a time when Americans over 65 are rapidly becoming a large portion of the general and veterans populations. Refusing VA treatment to needy veterans in this group would likely push them into the less-cost-effective Medicare system and would take them out of a system that is already setting up more

efficient programs of hospital-based home care and adult day care, while sharing with states to build an adequate supply of nursing homes.

Furthermore, if the VA health care system were to be eliminated, veterans would have no choice but to turn to state-operated medical care programs which are severely overburdened as it is.

In Michigan, for example, as in most other states, the effects could be awesome. Michigan has more than 1.1 million veterans. In health care alone, the VA provided \$206 million in medical care to that state's veterans and paid nearly \$128 million to Michigan residents in VA salaries in 1983. Add to those totals another \$100 million spent that year on readjustment and vocational rehabilitation programs, insurance and indemnities, and construction projects.

It's apparent that Michigan and its economy need the VA as much as Michigan veterans do. Similar examples of VA subsidies to state coffers could be echoed 49 times throughout the nation. Clearly, the elimination of the VA hospital system would not save budget dollars, just merely transfer those costs—at even higher levels—to the states where veterans live.

As with any health care system, the continued existence of the VA system could not be justified unless it could maintain high quality care. Keen competition within the medical community has prompted VA to offer several incentives to attract top medical personnel. Incentives such as special pay provisions, medical university affiliations and active research programs have made VA an attractive place to practice medicine. In fact, VA research discoveries have received international acclaim, including Nobel Prize recognition.

"Of equal, if not more importance," said Bacon, "is that the VA is on the front lines of geriatric care and research. How the VA provides care for older veterans will help shape a national system of care for all of the aged.

"The point we have to make is that any tampering with VA services would seriously impair the VA's ability to provide comprehensive health care to all veterans and would be economically destructive," he said.

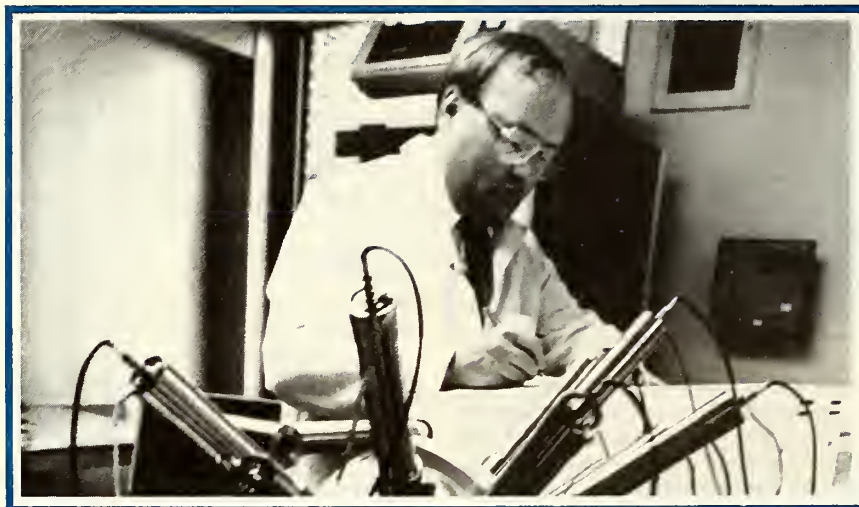
Bacon pointed out there are more than 28.5 million veterans in America and many of them will require medical care as they age. "Regardless of what happens to the VA health care system, the need for care will not miraculously vanish. Who will take care of them?" Bacon asked. □

**"C**ompared to medical costs in other programs, the VA hospital system is a model of prudence."



# SERVICE TO VETERANS: LIFEBLOOD OF THE VA

*From simple prescriptions to intricate surgeries, America's largest hospital system ministers to U.S. veterans.*



**HIGH-TECH MEDICINE**—The VA is in the forefront of medical research.

**T**he mission of the Veterans Administration is to ensure that quality medical care and an appropriate level of benefits are provided for eligible veterans and their beneficiaries.

The VA's fiscal year 1985 budget increased more than \$750 million to \$25.7 billion. Nearly \$25 million of the increase is allocated to medical care, and provides for more staffing for hospitals and Vet Centers.

In 1983 the agency's health care system served 3.1 million patients, including more than 1 million hospital inpatients. During that period VA surgeons performed 311,000 surgical procedures, filled 41.5 million prescriptions and provided disabled veterans with 1.7 million new prosthetics and sensory aids.

The aging of the U.S. veteran population presents perhaps VA's greatest challenge and opportunity for meaningful service to the people of the United States.

Once a veteran reaches 65, the VA is required to provide medical care, whatever the need, if space is avail-

able. Studies commissioned by the agency concluded that there will have to be substantial changes in the mix of services to VA beneficiaries by 1990. Ten Geriatric Research, Educational and Clinical Centers were in operation in 1983, after the addition of new centers in North Carolina and Florida.

The agency also studied the special needs of women veterans over the past year. The VA Advisory Committee on Women Veterans has examined health care, rehabilitation, benefits,

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**V**eterans over age 65 will triple to nine million by the year 2000, constituting a tough VA challenge.

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compensation, outreach and other programs of the VA. Especially urgent is the need for VA to upgrade its current medical facilities to be able to deal adequately with the medical and personal needs of women veterans.

To help VA with these problems in the short run, individual VA centers have the authority to contract for special services, such as gynecological care.

Vietnam-era veterans are the beneficiaries of current VA programs. A \$3.6 million contract to study post-traumatic stress disorder was awarded to the Research Triangle Institute of North Carolina. About 2,900 men and women will be interviewed in what the VA hopes will be a significant work on the problems of Vietnam-era veterans.

In addition to the study, the VA will open 52 new Vet Centers around the country this year. Since 1979, when the Vietnam Veterans Outreach Program began, 136 Vet Centers have opened. More than 250,000 veterans and 50,000 family members have been advised by counselors at the centers. The Vet Centers' staffs see an average of 6,300 new veteran clients each month. This program is funded through 1988.

The VA has been directed by Congress to temporarily presume service connection for two diseases which may have been caused by exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange. Vietnam veterans suffering from the liver disorder prophyria cutanea tarda, and chloracne, a skin condition, are considered to have service-connected disabilities.

The Agency's research into Agent Orange was turned over to the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta. Results of that research will be published by the Veterans Administration as soon as they become available, which will not be for some time according to VA officials.

Unemployed Vietnam-era and Korean War veterans are eligible for a job-training program administered jointly by the VA and the Department of Labor. Under the Emergency Veterans Job Training Program, qualified employers receive 50 percent of a veteran's wages up to \$10,000 per year. Employers provide a maximum of 15 months of training for certain veterans with severe service-connected disabilities, and up to nine months for other veterans. A veteran must have been unemployed 15 weeks before applying to VA for this program.

Since 1973 the VA has administered the U.S. National Cemetery system. Of the VA's 108 national cemeteries in 40 states and Puerto Rico, 57 are open to new interments. □



# HISTORY OF CARING: A LEGION LEGACY

***Thousands of sick, wounded doughboys deprived of medical care sparked the first Legion fight for veterans.***

**T**he American Legion, chartered by Congress in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual-help and community-service organization, today has more than 2.5 million members in some 16,000 American Legion posts worldwide. The founders of The American Legion focused their major concern on the plight of the World War I disabled veteran.

Legion founders saw a staggering number of returning WWI veterans needing medical attention. The War Risk Bureau and a maze of peripheral veteran services were an overwhelming hodge-podge of mismanaged, in-

adequate and confused agencies.

Late in 1920 The American Legion requested a Presidential committee to investigate existing conditions. As a result, the Dawes Committee was appointed. This committee, with representatives of The American Legion, brought about congressional action consolidating most of the activities dealing with WWI veterans into a new independent agency—The United States Veterans Bureau.

Under careful study by The American Legion, the Veterans Bureau faced many reforms in the next two years to eliminate abuses that deprived veterans of hospital treatment and other rights authorized by Congress.

In 1923 The American Legion drafted 91 constructive recommendations for liberalization of laws and regulations governing veterans' benefits. Within a year Congress had enacted the World War Veterans Act of 1924, which included many of The American Legion's proposals and extended the presumption of service connection for certain classes of disability.

Throughout the remainder of the 1920s and early into 1930, The American Legion continued to register legislative achievements necessary for the care and rehabilitation of disabled veterans, which culminated in the consolidation of the Veterans Bureau and other agencies administering veterans' benefits into the independent Veterans Administration on July 21, 1930.

During WWII, came The American Legion's greatest legislative achievement . . . The Servicemen's Read-

justment Act of 1944 (known as the GI Bill of Rights). This concept originated in The American Legion. A member of the Legion wrote the bill, an employee of the Legion suggested its name, Legionnaires promoted it and handled its legal presentation, and a former Legion national commander secured its approval in the Senate.

The 1950s saw the Korean War and

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**D**uring the early 1960s, the Legion helped save 15 VA Regional offices from closing.

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a new generation of veterans with rights and benefits to be provided by the VA. In the early 1960s the VA threatened to close 31 regional offices and domiciliaries. The American Legion argued on Capitol Hill and saved 15 of those offices.

Vietnam brought about even more demands on the VA system as the nation's longest war produced even more veterans requiring services. The American Legion quickly and strongly supported studies and research to address special problems such as Agent Orange exposure and post-traumatic stress disorder.

This commitment of service to men and women who served so faithfully in defense of this nation continues to be a cornerstone of The American Legion . . . a cornerstone set by its founders in 1919 . . . preserved by its members today . . . and promised for the veterans of tomorrow. □



**AN OLD LEGION STORY—A Tampa Legionnaire helps a fellow veteran at the VA hospital. The Legion is committed to providing continuous volunteer work in support of hospitalized veterans.**



## SCHOLARSHIP HELP AVAILABLE

**T**HE 1985 edition of *Need-A-Lift?*, The American Legion publication on college loans and grants, is in the hands of department commanders.

Published for the 34th year by the National Americanism Commission, *Need-A-Lift?* is a funding source book for high school counselors and parents with children getting ready to graduate from high school.

The book details more than 4,000 scholarships available through Legion

posts and departments and includes information on another 500 scholarship programs, plus many grant and loan programs for eligible students.

The publication also provides a check-and-do list to help applicants complete the Pell Grant application.

Posts desiring copies of *Need-A-Lift?* should contact department headquarters. Additional copies may be purchased for \$1 from National Emblem Sales, P.O. Box 1050, Indpls., Ind. 46206.

## VA PANEL TO ASSESS STUDIES

**A** 15-member panel has been appointed by VA chief Harry N. Walters to counsel the VA on the results of studies dealing with the health effects of dioxin and radiation exposure.

Walters said the panel was established as a result of the Veterans' Dioxin and Radiation Exposure Compensation Standards Act of October 1984. Vietnam Veterans have complained about the effects of their exposure to Agent Orange, a dioxin compound

used as a defoliant in Vietnam.

Walters said "The government is committed to continuing research on the health effects of dioxin and radiation exposure. With the assistance of the panel, VA will develop regulations that address veterans' compensation claims relating to these exposures."

The panel, Veterans' Advisory Committee on Environmental Hazards, includes medical and scientific experts on the health effects of exposure to dioxin and ionized radiation.



**THANKS FOR THE SONG**—Songstress Margaret Whiting accepts the Dept. of Vermont's Resolution of Appreciation from Dept. Cdr. Thomas D. Coutts. Whiting, who was on her first visit to her home state in 40 years, was recognized for the song she introduced and made famous—"Moonlight in Vermont." She was also cited for "bringing pleasant memories of Vermont when pleasant memories were needed, especially during WWII."



## VETERANS ADVISER

*Do you have a question concerning your veteran's benefits? The American Legion Magazine will try to answer it in this column. Write to The American Legion Magazine, Veterans Adviser Editor, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.*

**Q.** I believe I suffer disabilities as a result of being exposed to Agent Orange in Vietnam. What should I do?

**A.** Veterans who believe they were exposed to herbicides in Vietnam are encouraged to make an appointment for an examination at the nearest Veterans Administration medical center. Benefits counselors at the medical center or at the regional office can assist you in filing a claim for disability compensation for conditions you believe resulted from exposure.

**Q.** My service-connected disability is worsening. How may I get a re-evaluation?

**A.** To be re-evaluated you must submit a request to the VA regional office in the state where you live along with any medical evidence to support your claim. Be sure to indicate your full name and your social security number or VA claim number.

**Q.** I just received notification that I received an overpayment of my educational benefits. Will I be charged interest on this debt?

**A.** Interest and administrative costs of collection will be charged on all overpayments that are not paid in full within 30 days.

**Q.** Are lenders required to notify the VA if a veteran defaults on a VA-guaranteed loan?

**A.** Yes. Notice must be forwarded to the VA within 45 days after a debtor is in default for a period of 60 days from the date of the first default.

**Q.** What is the time limit for using GI home loan benefits?

**A.** There is no time limit.



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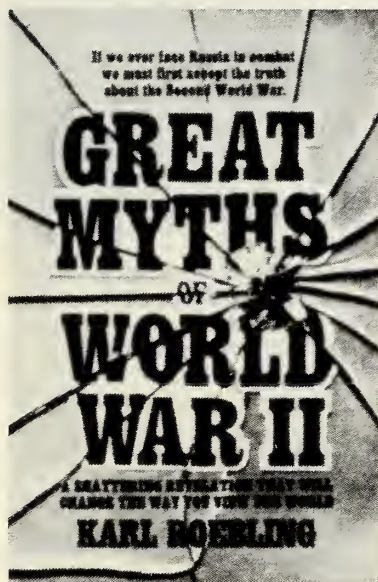
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## *Ball-McColm Post 5, Emporia, Kan.*

# Their Recruiters Move Quickly

**I**T wouldn't surprise me a bit if their ancestors were the ones that sold the Brooklyn Bridge," an Emporia resident said about the Legionnaires of Ball-McColm Post 5, Emporia, Kan.

The resident, obviously a big fan of the post, was referring to the year-round membership drive that escapes few Emporia residents who are eligible to become Legion members.

One of the keys to the highly successful membership drive is a technique that could be lifted from any salesman's bible—instant response to a potential lead.

"It works when one of our members meets someone who shows interest in joining The American Legion, said Hal D. Hollembeak, commander of the post. "We contact one of our recruiters by mobile phone and within minutes the recruiter is with the potential member, showing and telling him what the Legion is all about and why he should join."

Aggressive? Yes, but it pays off. Thriving on gently rolling farmland near the Neosho River in eastern Kansas between Kansas and Wichita, Post 5 has met or exceeded its membership quota for the past 18 consecutive years. It has doubled its size since 1967, with 2,163 current members in a town of 25,287 people.

"We continue to grow because of extensive community involvement, the high quality leadership of past post commanders and an abiding concern for youth and family development," said Hollembeak.

Since the post was founded in June 1919, its 32-man flag squad and accompanying honor guard made up mostly of past post commanders has performed at just about every community event, including funerals, flag raisings, dedications and parades. It was deeply involved in last year's Veterans' Day parade, which was organized by post member Charles Bollinger. The parade, led by grand marshal Governor John Carlin of Kansas, included 1,500 participants and marked the first time local Vietnam veterans joined as a unit.



**COLORS AWAY!**—Legionnaires from Post 5's 32-man flag squad dedicate and hoist a 20-foot by 30-foot storm flag over a local business establishment.

"Some spectators got so enthused at seeing our young Vietnam veterans marching, that they joined in and marched with them," said Warren Pyle, who won a national membership award in 1969 for his recruiting achievements.

Ray Call, managing editor of the Emporia Gazette, praised Post 5's contribution. "Our Veterans' Day parade was a huge success, mainly because of Legion efforts," he said. Call supports Legion activities by publishing post photos and stories and helps keep post members informed through its own monthly newspaper, begun in 1983 by Past Post Commander Harry Higgins.

Keeping informed of community needs is the life blood of any active Legion post. And in Emporia, a continuing need just happens to be blood. Over the years, some 50 post members have donated a total of five gallons each and 15 members have contributed 10 gallons each. The top donor is Harry Papps with more than 15.5 gallons in 368 donations. Although Post 5 is only one of 352 American Legion posts in the state, Kansas has recog-

nized it as a statewide leader in blood drive support.

The post was named in honor of two veterans, Homer J. Ball, the first area resident killed in WWI, and Edwin McColm, killed in action in the Philippines in WWII.

From its inception, Post 5 has actively sought and collected military memorabilia to build a small museum. But because of space limitations, the post donated the collection to the Lyon County Museum. "It's a wonderful addition to our museum," said director Mary Mathemy. "Some of the items date to the Spanish-American War."

Another area of interest absorbing many members' time and efforts is flag display. In 1965, Post 5 began an Avenue of Flags in front of its building, which was a mansion built in the late 1800s. The practice of flying flags during patriotic holidays and ceremonies caught on with community residents, and post officials are frequently called upon to give advice and assistance in setting up similar displays.

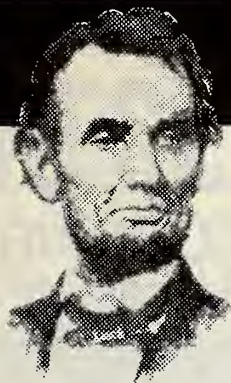
Legionnaires Warren Horton and Harry Shook also present a 40-minute class on flag etiquette to more than 500 4th graders annually in more than 20 schools in a 50-mile radius.

When the members are not striving to add to their rolls, donate blood or fly flags, you'll find them happily ensconced in planning youth and family picnics and other events.

While many Legion posts sponsor a baseball team, Post 5 sponsors two at an annual cost of about \$10,000. It helps send 15 children a year to the state legislature to learn about their government in action at a cost of \$126 per person. Annually, the post provides a \$600 scholarship to a deserving student to attend nursing school. Additional scholarships are awarded to the cadet lawman and ROTC programs.

"I'm really proud of our post," said mayor Clar Allemang, a Vietnam veteran and member himself. "It plays a vastly significant role in community patriotic and civic activities, and is a community meeting place for clubs, groups, organizations and people of all ages to gather for food, fun, business and companionship." □





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• Lincoln was elected in 1860

• Booth shot Lincoln in a theatre and hid in a warehouse

• Lincoln's secretary (named Kennedy) warned him not to go to the theatre

• Andrew Johnson — born 1808

**BOTH MEN WERE SLAIN ON A FRIDAY**

• Kennedy was elected in 1960

• Oswald shot Kennedy from a warehouse and hid in a theatre

• Kennedy's secretary (named Lincoln) warned him not to go to Dallas

**BOTH MEN WERE SUCCEEDED BY THEIR  
VICE PRESIDENTS NAMED JOHNSON**

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**Playing the Good Samaritan** was a familiar role for Colonial Heights Post 284, Colonial Heights, Va, in 1984. The post dispensed more than \$36,000 in aid to some 70 local residents and organizations during the year. The funds went to children in need of financial and medical assistance, to a leukemia sufferer, and to supply furniture for a children's waiting room at a local medical college. Additional beneficiaries included six teen-agers who received college scholarships, several youths who received paid trips to Boys State, operating funds for Boy and Girl Scout troops, and transportation for the post baseball team. Other donations went to people in trouble away from home; senior citizen groups; orphans; heart, cancer and cystic fibrosis victims; and to purchase TV sets and a wheelchair for veterans at a local veterans hospital.

**With its officers so committed** to community involvement, it isn't any wonder that Post 257, Laguna Hills, Calif., is becoming a local symbol of voluntarism in action. Adjutant **J. Paul Denney**, a member of the Legion's national security commission, and post service officer for the past 18 years, has built a history of compassionate attention to veterans and their families. He visits monthly at least eight veterans, their families and orphans; makes special trips to two VA medical centers to deliver magazines and funds for hospitalized veterans to buy needed items; serves as a liaison to other veterans from the local area; and frequently drives sick veterans to VA medical centers in Long Beach and La Jolla. Two other Blue Cap Legionnaires are working diligently to get the American flag into more people's lives. For the past five years, **John C. Anderson**, 1st vice commander, and **David Hayes** have spoken to groups and organizations, urging them to buy and display flags.

**A 100-year-old hotel** serving as a post home may have contributed to Glen H. Daykin Post 155's membership success. The Britton, Mich., post over the past 10 years increased its membership to where every sixth resident in the Britton area is a Legionnaire. The 1881 hotel, one of the town's oldest landmarks, serves as a natural attraction to townspeople and is the focal point for nearly every community activity, including two recent fund-raisers that netted up to \$8,000 for two local families' cancer-related medical expenses.

**A man on the move** best describes **E. George Yager**, 2nd vice commander and service officer of Joiner Fitzhugh Post 278, Granbury, Texas. Yager has an office in his home stocked with every kind of Legion form and pamphlet anyone would need. He sold ads to merchants to buy a full page in the local newspaper to honor Pearl Harbor Day. He organized a veterans' flag ceremony, sought local Korean and Vietnam War veterans so their names could be inscribed on a commemorative plaque to be mounted on the courthouse wall with WWI and WWII veterans' names, and established a veterans' affairs program with other post service officers. He makes calls on house-bound older veterans; provides local media with articles on Legion activities; visits local hospitals regularly; maintains contact with other Legion posts and helps them when needed; and collects furniture, food and clothing for the needy.

As a 30-year Legionnaire and former infantryman from WWII, Yager is constantly seeking new members, and maintains a supply of canes, crutches, wheelchairs, etc., for veterans. He has held every office in the post several times.

**What does a town** that depends on its American Legion post for much of its social life do after the post is destroyed by fire? The whole town chips in and builds another. That's what happened to **Keystone Post 444, Millheim, Pa.**, after the post burned in August 1982. After years of planning, the post opened in October 1984 at a cost of \$125,000. Obtaining funds was a major problem, but money-raising projects initiated by the Auxiliary, much volunteer work and the sale of \$500 bonds helped to pay the mortgage.

## LEGIONNAIRE OF THE MONTH



*Barney W. Breedlove*

**B**ARNEY BREEDLOVE is "a living Indiana legend," said William D. Jackson, national executive director in Indianapolis. "At 92, he's the nation's oldest continuously serving director of a Boys State program, and as Indiana's department treasurer since 1937, he's also one of the Legion's longest serving department officers."

A Legionnaire since 1919, Breedlove saw WWI action in France as a field artilleryman. After his discharge he earned a law degree and spent the next 66 years building a career of community service involvement.

But his life-long love has been the spiritual, educational and intellectual development of Indiana youth. As director of Indiana's Boys State since 1937, he has seen an estimated 45,000 youths attend Hoosier Boys State.

In recognition of his half-century of service to youth and 38 continuous years as chief attorney with the VA, Breedlove has earned many citations and awards, including the Department of Indiana's Distinguished Service Award, and recognition from President Ronald Reagan for his dedication to youth.

"Breedlove is a man who has labored long and hard," said Jackson, "motivated not by love of money or desire for fame, but to satisfy a deeper need . . . to serve his fellow man." □







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**39th Combat Engrs., 404th, 643rd Bns.** (Aug-Bellefonte, IL) John Seifarth, 2219 Oran Dr., Youngstown, OH 44511 (216) 792-4654

**45th Inf. Div.** (August) Robert Wilson, 2145 N.E. 36th St., Oklahoma City, OK 73111 (405) 424-5313

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**54th Signal Bn. A/B WWII** (Aug-Lewistown, MT) Walt Scheid, Box 699, Lewistown, MT 59457 (406) 538-3040

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**95th Med. Gss Treatment Bn.** (Aug-Rockton, IL) Walter Gantz, 829 Palm St., Scranton, PA 18505 (717) 347-9354

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**101st Alroorne Div. Assn.** (Aug-Clearwater Beach, FL) George Rosie, Box 101AB, Parchment, MI 49004 (616) 388-5801

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**112th General Hospital WWII** (May-Dedham, MA) Frank Doherty, 25 Huntington Ave., Boston, MA 02116 (617) 267-8488

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**138th, 198th F.A. Bns. (WWI, WWII, Korea, Vietnam)** (Aug-Louisville, KY) Lynn Raque, 3733 Mamaroneck Rd., Louisville, KY 40218 (502) 458-9057

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**176th F.A. Bn. WWII** (Sept-Norfolk, VA) Charlie Salyers, 6528 W. Franklin St., Richmond, VA 23226 (804) 745-1945

**179th Inf. Regt., 45th Inf. Div. Assn.** (Aug-Oklahoma City) Harlos Hatter, 3205 N.W. 52nd, Oklahoma City, OK 73112 (405) 947-1827

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**191st Signal Repair Co.** (Aug-Dearborn, MI) John Thomas, 708 S. Harold St., Bay City, MI 48706 (517) 894-0592

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**203rd Coast Arty. AA Assn.** (Houn Dawgs) (Sept-Carthage, MO) Lloyd Johnson, Box 10, Carthage, MO

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**222nd Inn. Rainbow Div.** (July-West Palm Beach, FL) James McNicol, 410 Bentley St., Newell, WV 26050 (304) 387-2555

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### Plenty of Jobs for College Grads

are a virtual certainty this month. Starting pay, too, will be high—upward of \$25,000 for engineers and computer experts. But job-seekers should heed this advice from personnel managers: You still have to hustle to get the top jobs—they don't come on a platter; you may have to move to an unfamiliar area; and while starting salaries in the professions are rosy, they're considerably less for holders of liberal arts degrees.

### Stable Energy Costs Seem Likely

through 1985. Supplies are plentiful and price variations will tend to cancel each other out. Specifically, gasoline tags will stay flat and may even drop lower, depending on season and foreign maneuvers; heating oil will see little movement; natural gas prices may advance, perhaps 6 percent later in the year; and electrical costs will be up slightly—possibly 4 percent—but less than a year ago.

### Variations in Interest Rates

paid on certificates of deposit make it worthwhile to shop around. One easy way to shop is to read the big-city and financial papers. If the highest-paying institutions are out-of-town or out-of-state, that's no problem; doing business by mail or phone is easy. But financial experts suggest you withhold deposits until you get full information on a bank you're not familiar with, including how reliably your money will be insured.

### Rock-Bottom Telephone Prices

make this a good time to buy. Behind the bargains is a glut of phones—manufacturers misgauged the market and now are stuck with sky-high inventories they want to work off in a hurry. If you still rent your phones, you probably can save yourself considerable money by getting rid of them and buying your own.

### Mortgage Refinancing Is Tempting

as rates come down. But refinancing is not free; it involves considerable cost. As a rule-of-thumb, refinancing is worthwhile only if you can get a rate 3 percent under your current rate. You should also consider two more important factors: What effect will refinancing have on your tax deductions? How long do you plan to keep your residence? If your stay will be short, refinancing may not make much sense.

### Rising Malpractice Insurance Premiums

portend stiffer doctor's fees in the future. Over the past decade, premiums have risen about 80 percent and still are going up steeply, meaning that doctors have to pay as much as \$100,000 for insurance. Higher premiums, of course, are linked to more malpractice claims and fatter jury awards. To stop the costly merry-go-round, doctors and legislators suggest better screening of complaints, stricter policing of doctors and capping malpractice insurance payouts.

*By Edgar A. Grunwald*



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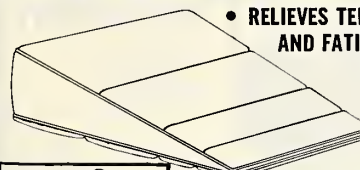
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## COTTAGE INDUSTRY

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10,000 to 20,000, mostly part-timers, and he predicted their numbers could swell to 10 million by 1990.

Still, all is not roses. Trade unions, smarting from recent rebuffs, now see a new threat in telecommuting. In fact, the entire notion of the cottage industry has raised the hackles of union officials. The International Ladies Garment Union, in particular, see home-based businesses as an open door to the return of the sweatshop.

Most of the laws regulating cottage industries were put on the books during the Roosevelt era. One of the purposes of the National Association of

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Cottage Industries, says Kern, is to establish laws that will allow home-based industries to be legal, with realistic regulations rather than the archaic laws now in force. “There’s a 40-year-old law that says women can’t sew for sale in their homes,” Kern said, “and we’re asking the Labor Department to review it. In 10 states it’s illegal to do crafts in your home. They’re closing home businesses in Westchester County, N.Y. In Danville Ill., it’s illegal to be a Mary Kay cosmetics saleswoman. It’s crazy.”

Like any other chosen way of life, working at home involves some trade-offs. For some, problems cropped up they had failed to anticipate. Not that they’d go back to office life—but it took some adjusting.

Most shared a sense of loneliness, of being out of touch. Advised Kern, “Go out to lunch, join a professional association, go see your printer.”

For some, the total silence was a shock after the electric office atmosphere. (A radio on the desk helps.)

One man recalled that on more than one occasion he was on the phone struggling to close a difficult deal when some domestic crisis erupted. “You’re talking to a skeptical client and suddenly the washing machine begins spewing suds.”

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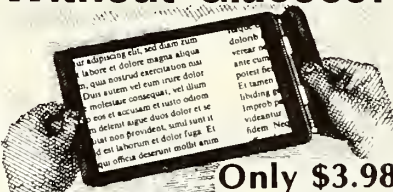


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Others missed the sense of identity that went with company affiliation. "When you say you work for IBM, people nod. When you say you run a market-research business next to the piano in your living room, a tone of compassion enters the listener's voice."

William Renfro, head of a forecasting firm in Washington, D.C., thinks home-based workers miss out on that possibly essential office function—"schmoozing"—a term used by author Studs Terkel to describe the sense of companionship among workers as they chat about their lives and gripe about common problems.

Renfro has some tips for home-based workers:

- Get dressed in whatever you would normally wear in the office.
- Set up and keep office hours.
- Get to work on time.
- Quit on time. Don't linger over office problems through dinner time.
- See people. Incorporate a game of squash into your routine. Join a professional association to maintain your business contacts.

There are many kinds of businesses that can be run successfully at home. According to a March 1983 *Kiplinger Washington Letter*, some small businesses that are expected to do well in years ahead include: maintenance and fix-up services for office buildings and rental properties, security (guards and installation of alarms), tax counseling, sales and repair of home computers, businesses related to health care (laboratories and record-keeping), services for older people.

The basics for starting a home-based operation are the same as for any new small business, and a multitude of books have been written to guide the neophyte. But doing it at home lets you test a business idea with a minimum outlay of cash.

There are other advantages. Recent changes in federal tax laws allow for liberal work-at-home deductions. You may claim an office in the home if your only office is in a stipulated area of the home and is the principal place from which you conduct business. You may claim depreciation on furnishings and equipment, and percentages of utilities and other household maintenance. If you use your home telephone in business, you can usually claim most of the bills. If you hold business lunches at home, they're deductible. Certain travel expenses are deductible.

One problem that can prove nettlesome for the home-based, however, is

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# How a Stop in a German Shoe Store Ended a Lifetime of Foot Pain...

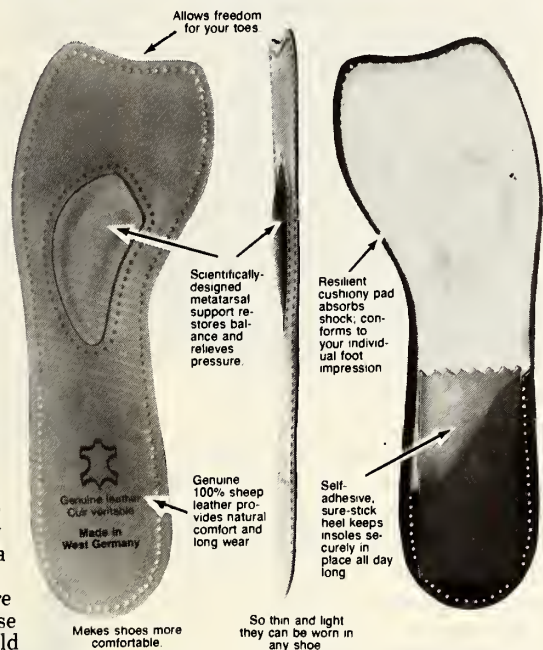
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## COTTAGE INDUSTRY

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city zoning laws. To keep neighborhoods from looking like perpetual sidewalk sales, many communities prohibit businesses operating from the home. Just how equitable some of these laws are is a matter now under fire. A Chicago teacher was shocked to find it was illegal for him to use a computer at home to put together software learning programs.

One "old standby" source of help is the Small Business Administration, which has become vitally interested in the at-home business movement and is working closely with National Association of Cottage Industries. In November 1982 the two organizations combined resources to put on a workshop in Chicago. Arrangements for 600 had been planned; more than 1,000 showed up. "They came from all over the country," Kern recalled. "The hotel wouldn't let any more people into the workshops. We were conducting classes in the hallways until the fire department threw us out."

Kern has conducted 23 workshops since then, and has four major ones scheduled for 1984: Los Angeles, Chicago, Atlanta and Boston.

One of SBA's officials, H. Sam McGrier, said that only recently has SBA even noticed that its pre-business workshops have started filling up with people who plan to operate in their homes. "It's something we . . . weren't conscious of . . . It's a little premature, but we may be organizing specific workshops for home businesses, instead of the shotgun approach we've been using. . . ."

Experts advise those who would strike out on their own to be willing to do so on a shoestring for a year or two.

Architect Peter Wheelwright, who gave up a salaried job to work out of a converted loft in his home, would agree. "I felt really great the day I stopped being an employee. I had \$1,500 in savings and the world was mine. Only a few weeks later did reality sink in. Just the business of establishing credit—rough!" Wheelwright now has a booming business designing space for others who live and work in one location. After two years out, he has matched his previous salary and is looking forward to breaking the \$30,000 barrier, he said.

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zhiks and so on will demand a full national independence and struggle for it, eventually to cause the break up of the Soviet empire—which is of course the last survivor of the European empires that dominated much of the entire world until a generation ago. Demography is indeed a powerful and relentless force, but slow of effect. In 1970, out of a total Soviet population of 242 million, 74 percent was Slavic and 53 percent actually Russian (some of the fiercest antagonisms are between Russians and other Slavs). In that year, there were 35 million of Muslim origin (mostly Turkic), just under 15 percent of the Soviet total. By the year 2000 it is projected that the Muslims will account for more than

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a fifth of the total population of 300 million (21 percent-25 percent), with Russians at 47 percent and all Slavs at 65 percent. Naturally the change will be felt sooner and more strongly in the younger age groups of military age. For example, out of the 2.1 million males at the conscription entry-age of 18 projected for 1985, the non-Slavs will account for more than 35 percent, and quite a few of them will not know enough Russian to obtain the full benefit of military training.

But of course the armed forces of a multi-national empire know a thing or two about managing diverse nationalities. Certainly there are problems and frictions, but both still remain quite manageable. The real problem, of national self-assertion, is for the distant future.

In the meantime, the observation of actual Soviet exercises provides some hard evidence of Soviet abilities. Specifically, of the Soviet army we know that it can assemble, supply and send out its long columns of armor and considerable artillery to defeat enemy fronts, and not by a steamroller action made of costly head-on attacks as in the past, but rather by quick probes to

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Of the Soviet air force we know that it has enough aircraft, enough bases and enough quality in men and machines to deny air supremacy to whatever Western air forces it might meet in Europe, the Persian Gulf or East Asia. Its fighter-interceptors along with the anti-aircraft defenses could keep Western air forces from doing much harm to the Soviet army; its long-range strike fighters could reach and bomb Western airfields even in the deepest rear, and its fighter-bombers and ground attack aircraft could disrupt if not seriously reduce Western ground forces. In theory, Western air forces could eventually prevail in the contest for air supremacy—if the Soviet ground forces had not by then overrun their airfields. One thing is certain, Western airpower can give little help to the ground forces in the first days of a war—precisely when air support would be needed most urgently.

Of the Soviet Navy we know that it can send out its aircraft, group its ships and deploy its attack submarines in a concerted world-wide action to stage simultaneous missile strikes on American carrier task forces at sea, certainly in the Indian Ocean, eastern Mediterranean and north-east Pacific, and possibly also in the Atlantic and eastern Pacific. Itself lacking in the floating air power that remains the costly center-piece of the American Navy, the Soviet Union can nevertheless estimate in sober prudence that if it can attack first, it could destroy the main fighting strength of the American navy actually at sea. In any event Soviet attack submarines will endanger the sea connection between the United States and American forces overseas.

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tary record of the Soviet Union compares very well with that of the United States; it contains neither small debacles, nor—so far—any failure in protracted war.

In particular, the powerful urge to see a Vietnam in Afghanistan remains disappointed: The guerillas are not suppressed to be sure, but neither do they threaten the Soviet occupation. To cut through all the justifiably proud claims of the Afghan guerillas, to deny the hopeful analogy, one small fact is enough: Less than 5 percent of all Soviet army troops are in Afghanistan. More than one third of all American army troops were in Vietnam by 1968, and because of the large immovable overhead in the United States, that third was really more than one half of the deployable strength. The Soviet army by contrast has no more than five divisions in Afghanistan at a time when it keeps many more divisions idle at home. What we see in Afghanistan is not a frantic attempt to win and go home by Christmas, Easter or the next election but instead a leisurely imperial pacification. The Soviet Union controls the towns in which all the agencies of its power are at work, from the police to the schools. Afghans thus have the choice: accept Soviet rule, learn to live in the new-made Afghan province of the Soviet empire that already has so many provinces; or else live out a hunted and miserable life roaming the mountains. It is the classic formula, once used most successfully by the Romans.

Perhaps in the years ahead the Soviet Union will withdraw all the same, in return for Afghanistan's neutralization under a government respectful of Soviet desires.

In the meantime, it is sobering to recall just how the Soviet invasion began. On the night of 27 December 1979, elite airborne troops of the 105 Guards Airborne Division reinforced with units of two more such divisions, as well as KGB special assault detachments moved into Kabul, the Afghan capital, to seize the Presidential palace, the telephone exchange, the radio and television station, the defense ministry, military headquarters and the guarded refuge of the Afghan President in the Darulaman fortress. Of course Afghanistan had been thoroughly penetrated and subverted long before the invasion. Still, it was by no means an easy operation. All the

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By then Afghanistan was being invaded overland by five Soviet divisions, and the country's fate was sealed. If, however, Kabul had not been seized right from the start, the Afghan President Hafizullah Amin would have had the opportunity to muster some sort of defense with regular forces still loyal, and this would have delayed the Soviet conquest and added to its losses. Much more important, Amin could have used radio and television to arouse a most easily arousable people to armed resistance, and to call for foreign help. No country in the world, and certainly not the United States, could have intervened usefully but Amin's appeal would have cost much to the Soviet Union by publicizing the fact that the venture was indeed a blatant aggression. Hence the considerable value of the Kabul operation, and the Soviet acceptance of considerable risks to pull it off. A mere handful of tanks drawn from the Afghan tank division nearby

could have turned the Soviet landing areas into fields of massacre. And any serious delay in the overland link-up by the mechanized forces driving from the Soviet border over mountain roads easily blocked could have endangered the lightly equipped airborne forces. Boldly planned and well-executed, the Kabul operation revealed tactical competence of a high order. It was also proof of a new military self-confidence never before seen in the conduct of the Soviet army.

Certainly there was no possibility of redeeming failure during that bloody night in Kabul by pouring in more troops—the traditional Soviet solution to all military problems. It was in fact an operation very much in the German style: elegant, full of risks and most profitable—very different from the heavy-handed, slow and costly methods that once marked the Soviet military style (as the Russian imperial style before the revolution).

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35-44	64,800	59,400	54,000	43,200	32,400	27,000	21,600	16,200	10,800	5,400
45-54	31,680	29,040	26,400	21,120	15,840	13,200	10,560	7,920	5,280	2,640
55-59	17,280	15,840	14,400	11,520	8,640	7,200	5,760	4,320	2,880	1,440
60-64	11,520	10,560	9,600	7,680	5,760	4,800	3,840	2,880	1,920	960
65-69	7,200	6,600	6,000	4,800	3,600	3,000	2,400	1,800	1,200	600
70-74*	4,752	4,356	3,960	3,168	2,376	1,980	1,584	1,188	792	396
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Daniel A. Drew, PA National Executive Committeeman (1966-72), Alternate National Executive Committeeman (1962-66).

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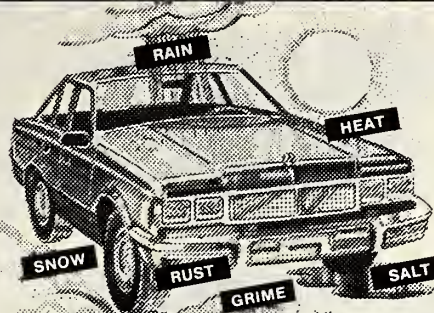
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## V-E DAY

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him, but sent out word that if the Germans did not stop stalling the Allied lines would be closed to them, and they could surrender to the Russians. That made the point. Jodl signed the document at 2:41 a.m. on May 7 in the little red schoolhouse, Ike's headquarters. The war in Europe was over.

London, Paris and Moscow went wild in celebration. The lights went on again in the cities and towns, for the first time in six years. The streets were jammed with happy strangers, and as if by magic there was plenty to drink for everybody — beer, wine and prized bottles carefully hoarded for just this day. Work ceased, a holiday

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was declared, and the whole week somehow disappeared in a haze of joy.

Not so with the Americans, at the front or at home. For them only half a war was over. For over three million GIs in Europe, scattered from England to Austria, from the Baltic to the Mediterranean, there was of course relief, and thankfulness. The killing had stopped. There was victory in Europe, but at what price? A continent lay in ruins and 30 million people were dead, not only military men and boys, but civilians — women, children, old people.

The hard-bitten Americans, now battle-tested professionals, began to see the cost as they overran the POW camps and rushed some 30,000 of their buddies to American hospitals. And they saw Hitler's horror camps and sent back pictures of the barely living dead, now skeletons — pictures that no one who ever saw them can forget.

And many a grunt remembered his buddy's body — back there in the snow and mud of the Ardennes, or the Vosges mountains, at some unknown curve in the road where a 15-year-old German kid had blasted him away with a burp gun. And then the ques-

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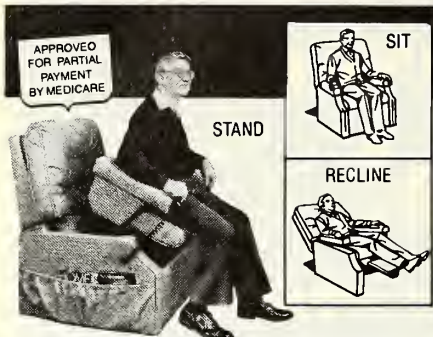
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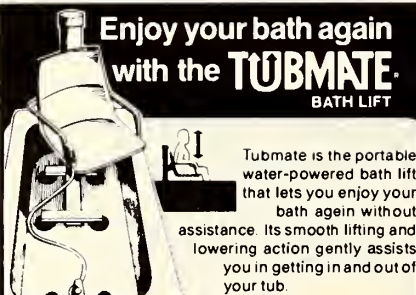
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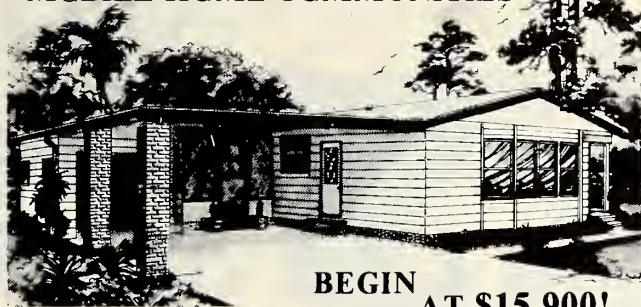
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# *It's the Sneeizin' season*

Ragweed and pollen make life miserable for some 15 million hay-fever victims each spring. Now there's new hope that the sneezin' season will soon be *gesundheited!*

**By Edward Edelson**

**T**HE ragweed is ripe, the pollen is flying and for 15 million Americans it's the sneezin' season. Hay fever sufferers will be blowing their noses, wiping their eyes and hoping for the first frost to end their misery.

Right now, they have few defenses. The most effective is to go someplace like Alaska or Hawaii, where little or no ragweed is found, or stay indoors with the air conditioner running to minimize exposure to pollen. Serious sufferers can take antihistamines or a long-term series of shots to lessen their suffering. But, until now, complete relief was not likely.

Over the past few decades, however, researchers have gained increased knowledge about the physical mechanisms that cause hay fever. Research has begun to produce new techniques and drugs that promise to provide a new level of relief from hay



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fever. The first of the new treatments is expected to be available just a few hay fever seasons from now.

The key is understanding just what hay fever is. The body's immune system, whose purpose is to fight invaders such as bacteria and viruses, reacts to proteins in ragweed pollen. The body responds to these proteins, which are called allergens, by making

protective molecules called antibodies. The antibodies attach themselves to mast cells, which release a variety of compounds called mediators. Histamine is the best-known mediator, but there are others. The mediators make small blood vessels leaky, so fluid seeps out, causing runny noses, weeping eyes and sneezing.

There are two basic ways to prevent

*Edward Edelson, science editor of the New York Daily News, specializes in articles about science and medicine.*



or limit the symptoms of hay fever. One is to prevent the release of mediators. Hay fever injections—immunotherapy in formal language—do that. The shots contain small amounts of allergen, and steady exposure to increasing amounts builds up the body's resistance to the offending molecules. The second method is to stop the activity of mediators after they're released—which is what antihistamines, the most effective hay fever drugs, do.

The problem is that antihistamines give only partial relief because histamine is responsible for only about a third of all hay fever symptoms.

New research promises to increase the level of relief considerably.

Researchers have discovered a family of mediators called leukotrienes (because they were first found in the white blood cells called leukocytes) that appear to be more powerful than histamine. A major effort is under way to develop drugs that do to leukotrienes what antihistamines do to histamine.

"No drugs are available yet," said Dr. Jordan N. Fink, chief of the allergy section at the Medical College of Wisconsin and president of the American College of Allergy and Immunology. "But every pharmaceutical company is working on them. We look forward to a new series of drugs that are effective in treatment."

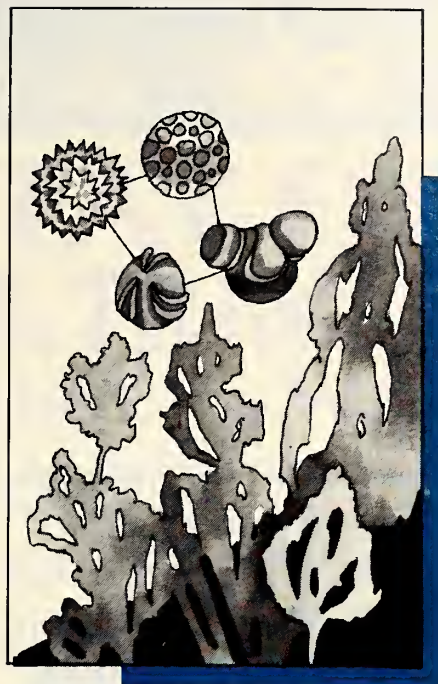
promise when given nasally, Norman said, although more work is needed to produce it in nosedrop form. The Johns Hopkins researchers can measure the effectiveness of these anti-release drugs by looking at the amount of mediator in the nose.

"We find that when we give a person allergens in the nose, leukotrienes appear in the nasal secretions," Norman said. "This lets us know that the cells that make leukotrienes release it when an allergic reaction occurs. Histamine and other mediators also appear."

A number of anti-release drugs are being developed by pharmaceutical companies, Norman said. "This test gives the first look as to how useful they will be."

While work on new drugs treatment goes on, other researchers are trying to produce better injections that will reduce the body's reaction to the allergens in ragweed pollen. One major effort is at Northwestern University Medical School where a group headed by Dr. Roy Patterson is working on chemical modification of the allergens.

As anyone who has had hay fever shots knows, the series of injections are long and tedious because the body must first become accustomed to tiny amounts of the injected allergen. Only then can the dose be increased to build up resistance. Too much allergen can cause a violent and dangerous allergic



of a reaction. For another, like all pollen extract shots, they're effective only for individuals who have hay fever, which means that careful testing is needed to be sure that the right patients are singled out.

At the State University of Buffalo, Dr. Robert E. Reisman is trying a logical variation on the Northwestern approach. He gives the pollen extracts not only by injection, but also in the form of a nasal spray.

Conventional extracts have only limited success when given by nose, because they tend to cause the very symptoms they're supposed to prevent, Reisman said.

The giant allergen molecules developed at Northwestern "have been very effective and associated with very few side effects," he said. In addition, he said a nasal spray is a lot less expensive than a series of injections.

There are yet other research projects, added Dr. Roger Katz, an allergist at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Scientists are working on a variety of new anti-mediator drugs, on synthetic steroid hormones that are dabbed on the nasal lining to reduce symptoms, and even on advanced methods designed to turn off the body's production of the antibodies that trigger mediator release.

"All of these are going on simultaneously in various centers," Katz said.

Put them all together, and there's the hope of a cheerier ragweed season coming for hay fever sufferers.

Meanwhile, gesundheit. □

## **"NEW TECHNIQUES AND DRUGS PROMISE TO PROVIDE AN INCREASED LEVEL OF RELIEF FROM HAY FEVER FOR MILLIONS."**

At the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, a group including Dr. Phillip S. Norman is looking into leukotrienes and treatments against them. They are concentrating on the nose, which is a major center of interest for hay fever researchers.

Since the nose is where things are happening, it makes sense to put your drugs there, Norman said. The nose is not only the place where many hay fever symptoms occur, but also it is lined with blood vessels that quickly absorb a drug and speed it to other parts of the body.

One antihistamine called azatadine, developed as a tablet, has shown

reaction called anaphylaxis.

The Northwestern team's approach is to cross-link allergen molecules. These giant allergen molecules increase resistance without causing a severe reaction, said Dr. Leslie Grammer, a member of the research team.

"Ordinarily, a series of shots can take three years," she said. "We can give them in three months. When we look at either the antibody level or improvement in symptoms after three months, we get the same results as is normally obtained in three years."

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